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A Directory of Miami-Dade County's Women's Organizations



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# The Miami-Dade County *Commission for Women*

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## *What* is the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women

The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, formerly the Miami-Dade County Commission on the Status of Women, was founded in 1971 by feminist leader Roxcy Bolton. Its 26 members are appointed for four year terms by the Board of County Commissioners to serve in an advisory capacity to them and to the community and all agencies and persons in Miami-Dade County “with respect to all matters pertaining to the status of women”.

Membership on the Commission for Women reflects the diverse cultures and ethnic backgrounds represented in Miami-Dade County and the concerns of all women are included in the Commission’s purview. The Ordinance creating the Commission for Women mandates that the Commission will monitor, among other things, the condition of women as related to discrimination, employment, education, establishment of day care centers and attitudes toward women in the community.

## Miami-Dade County Commission For Women *Statement Of Purpose*

To seek for every woman privilege equal to her potential and responsibility.

To inspire in women desire for self-improvement and pride of being regardless of race, color, creed or age.

To encourage involvement of women in matters pertaining to community progress.

To encourage women to recognize family environment as fundamental to preservation of our national culture and security.

To work toward utilization of capable women in roles of leadership.

To work toward legislation granting women equality before the law.

## The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women Needs Your *Support* and Involvement

### **WRITE, CALL OR VISIT THE OFFICE:**

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# The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women Serves the Women in *Our Community* in Many Ways

## **SUPPORTING AND ADVOCATING FOR IMPORTANT LEGISLATION SUCH AS:**

- the County Contraceptive Equity Resolution in 2001
- the Domestic Violence Leave Ordinance in 1999;
- the Living Wage Ordinance in 1999;
- Revision 9 to the Florida Constitution in 1998;
- the Gender Pricing Ordinance in 1997;
- the Family Leave Ordinance in 1991;
- the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA); and
- the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

## **SPONSORING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:**

- Women's healthcare conferences and workshops.
- Workshops on domestic violence, women in business, women and finances, political empowerment, and other issues of concern to women.
- Display of the "Silent Witness Initiative" Figures for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1999.
- Serving on important committees such as the County Manager's Advisory Committee on Women's Issues and the Women's History Curriculum Advisory Committee of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
- Hosting television programs on WLRN Cable Tap, and making media appearances to discuss a variety of topics of interest to women.
- Collaborating on different projects with the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Labor Department, the White House Office of Women's Initiatives, the National Association of Commissions for Women, and the Florida Commission on the Status of Women.
- Hosting the 1996 convention of the National Association of Commission for Women in Miami Beach.
- Publication of the annual "Connections" Directory of local women's organizations and hosting the annual networking reception.
- Hosting foreign women dignitaries through the U.S. International Visitor Program.
- Participation of Commission members and staff as speakers at workshops, conferences, Women's History Month events, and diversity day programs.

- Co-sponsoring the annual “In the Company of Women” awards for Women’s History Month.
- Obtained funding for the opening of a Domestic Violence Intake Unit in the Miami Beach Branch Courthouse.
- Advocating for the rights of the women asylum seekers detained by federal immigration authorities at the TKG County jail.
- Working with the Girls Advocacy Project (GAP) to improve conditions for girls incarcerated in the Juvenile Detention Center.
- Collaborating on the “Casa Valentina” project for girls aging out of foster care.
- Working on the creation of a Julia Tuttle statue in Miami.
- Advocating for the rights of victims of human trafficking.
- Advocating for the improvement of services for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.
- Advocating for better pay for low-wage working women.
- Participating as a member of the Miami Emergency Contraception Coalition to increase awareness of the availability of emergency contraception.
- Co-presenting the Miami Women’s Summit 2007.

# Facts about the *Equal Rights Amendment* (ERA)

- The ERA is the proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would provide for equal rights for men and women. It was first introduced in 1923.
- The pertinent text of the ERA reads “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.”
- Right now the U.S. Constitution does not **explicitly** state that men and women have equal rights under the law. The ERA would make that clear for the first time in U.S. history.
- The most important effect of the ERA would be to clarify the status of sex discrimination for the courts, whose decisions still show confusion about how to deal with such claims. The ERA would require that classifications in the laws based on sex be treated by the courts as “suspect,” just like classifications based on race, religion and national origin. Courts would review the classifications based on sex with the same high level of “strict scrutiny” and justification as classifications based on race, religion and national origin. Courts do not currently do this under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th amendment.
- Without the ERA, laws granting men and women equal rights can be repealed and court decisions can be reversed or overruled.
- If ratified by 38 States, the ERA would become the 28th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. So far, 35 States have ratified the ERA.
- **Florida is one of the 15 States that has not ratified the ERA.**
- House Concurrent Resolution 8001 and Senate Joint Resolution 362 were filed in the Florida Legislature for the 2008 session calling for Florida’s ratification of the ERA. Similar resolutions were also filed in 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003.
- In 1998 Florida voters, by a margin of 65% to 35%, approved a similar amendment to the Florida Constitution when they approved of Revision 9. Therefore, ratification of the federal ERA would be fully consistent with the will of the voters of Florida.
- Information on the ERA can be obtained from the following websites:  
[www.ERAflorida.org](http://www.ERAflorida.org), [www.equalrightsamendment.org](http://www.equalrightsamendment.org),  
[www.ERACampaign.net](http://www.ERACampaign.net) and [www.4ERA.org](http://www.4ERA.org).



# Commission for *Women*



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**Laura Morilla**  
Executive Director

## Message from the Chairperson

You have just opened a valuable resource to all the women in Miami-Dade County, we are glad you have requested a copy and hope you will use it!

The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women (formerly known as the Commission on the Status of Women) was formed in 1971 by the Board of County Commissioners and was founded originally by feminist leader Roxcy Bolton. We serve as an advisory Board to the Board of County Commissioners and the County Administration with respect to all matters affecting the status of women. Our members are appointed by the County Commissioners, and we are a diverse group representing the many cultures and ethnic backgrounds that make up Miami-Dade County. There are up to a total of 26 representatives at any given time; each Commissioner can appoint two members.



During the past 37 years the Commission for Women (CFW) has done a great deal of work to improve the status of women throughout our community, yet there remains a great deal of work to do. We meet monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month and invite you to attend any of our meetings.

I am honored and excited to lead this organization, particularly during this amazing time for women in America. For the first time in our history we had a woman and a man of color running for President. A woman is the vice-presidential nominee for the Republican Party. All sorts of glass ceilings are being broken.

For the past several years, among many other things, we have been very focused on the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The ERA passed in Congress in 1972 but failed to achieve the necessary 38 state ratification that would have made it part of the U.S. Constitution. Thirty six years later we continue to fight this battle that would give equal rights to women in the United States. **"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."** This amendment, once ratified, will finally guarantee to the women of America the equal rights that should have been their birthright so many years ago. There are three states needed to complete the ratification, and one of the unratified states is Florida. We will continue to fight this battle until it is not.

Another important project to the CFW is the creation of a statue in honor of Julia Tuttle, the founder of Miami. We have worked on this project for several years now and expect its completion within the coming year.

Through our committees, we also have been working on the issues of ending domestic violence, ensuring that women who are sexually assaulted have a safe and accessible place to go for help, ending human trafficking, empowering more women to run for political office, helping low-wage women improve economically, and the list goes on.

During the years that I have served on the CFW we have accomplished remarkable things and I hope that during the time I serve as Chair we will continue to make progress. I look forward to my time as Chair and would encourage anyone reading this message who has any concerns that we could assist with to contact us. The Commission for Women is here to serve and improve the lives of the women of Miami-Dade County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carmen Elias-Levenson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carmen Elias-Levenson, Chairperson

## *Past* Chairpersons

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## *History* of Women's Commissions

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the President's Commission on the Status of Women. Eleanor Roosevelt was the chair and Esther Peterson of the U.S. Department of Labor's Women's Bureau was vice-chair. Its 1963 report recommended that each state form a similar women's commission. Today there are approximately 220 state, county and local commissions for women located in the United states and its territories.

These commissions are advocates for equality and justice for women and serve their communities in a variety of ways depending on the resources available. Many maintain shelters for the abused, others have tutorial programs for teens and illiterate adults, testify before their legislators on issues that impact women and their families, and disseminate information to their constituency. Each commission functions independently and each keeps the needs of women in the forefront of laws, policies, and practices, and promotes the status of women.

## *Thanks* to Friends of the DCCFW, Inc.

The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women would like to thank our supporting tax exempt organization, Friends of the DCCFW, Inc., for its assistance and support over the years. Our "Friends" Board members are:

Ana Magda Guillen, President and Director

Magali R. Abad, Secretary and Director

Irela Bague, Treasurer and Director

Carmen Elias-Levenson, Director

# Creating *Connections*

Like many other good things, this directory evolved from a humble beginning. In 1979, before “networking” became a buzzword, Dorothy Sibley, then the Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, realized that she was spending a great deal of her time putting people together for their mutual benefit, and answering questions about who was doing what, and why.

Sending out a handwritten, crossed out and marked up list of women’s clubs finally became an embarrassment. There had to be a better way to share information about programs and events of common interest to all women. With financial help from the County and using the membership list of the Women’s Committee of 100 as a starting point, the first *Connections* directory was distributed. Overnight, it became the basis for a community communication network.

## **DISCLAIMER**

The *Connections* directory is our attempt to list the many women’s organizations and programs in Miami-Dade County. We make every effort to be as comprehensive as possible but we know that, undoubtedly, many worthy organizations are inadvertently omitted. Please bring these organizations to our attention so that they can be included in next year’s edition. Some of these organizations and programs also charge a fee for their services and programs, while others charge only membership dues and some are free. Also, some of the organizations listed represent specific partisan political or religious points of view. The Commission for Women simply lists these organizations in the directory as a public service and does not necessarily advocate the particular point of view espoused by the organizations.

The Commission for Women is non-partisan and does not endorse specific candidates for public office.

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## Adlai Stevenson Democratic Women's Club of Florida

**Purpose:** To bring together in common purpose Democratic women and men in order to stimulate an interest in governmental affairs; to provide a forum for discussion of public matters; to promote the principles of the Democratic Party; to support qualified Democratic candidates for public office and encourage them to seek elective office; to increase Democratic voter registration and participation

**Membership Criteria:** Must be a registered Democrat, (female or male)

**Dues:** \$15.00 yearly per individual or \$40.00 yearly booster member

**Number of Members:** 53

**Meet:** Third Thursday of every month except June, July and August, at 11:00 a.m. at the Surfside Municipal Complex

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Women's Club  
345 Ocean Drive, #503  
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Adlai Stevenson Dem.  
Women's Club  
9341 Collins Avenue, # 1008  
Surfside, FL 33154  
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## Agape Family Ministries

**Purpose:** A drug treatment residential facility for women and children located at 22790 SW 112 Avenue, Miami, FL; provides a full range of services and therapeutic care

### Contact:

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22790 SW 112 Avenue  
Miami, FL 33170  
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## Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Gamma Zeta Omega Chapter, Inc.

**Purpose:** To promote scholarship and provide service to all

**Membership Criteria:** College graduate, community service oriented with high moral character; by invitation only

**Number of Members:** 235

**Meet:** First Saturday of each month, except July and August, 10:00 a.m. at various locations

### Contact:

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## Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Pi Delta Omega Chapter

**Purpose:** Educational, cultural, and social service, service to all humankind

**Membership Criteria:** Completion of membership or intake process as mandated by national office

**Dues:** \$300 per year

**Number of Members:** 65

**Meet:** 2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

**Next Election of Officers:** November/December 2009

### Contact:

Shawna Cleveland, President  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority  
Pi Delta Omega Chapter  
P. O. Box 571028  
Miami, FL 33257  
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## **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Delta Eta Chapter (Undergraduate Chapter at Florida Memorial College)**

### **Contact:**

Dr. Aundrae Ingram-Newman  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority  
Delta Eta Chapter  
15010 Tyler Street  
Miami, FL 33176  
(305) 235-5733

## **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Iota Nu Chapter (Undergraduate Chapter at the University of Miami)**

### **Contact:**

Barbara Dent  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority  
Iota Nu Chapter  
16603 SW 99 Place  
Miami, FL 33157

## **American Association of University Women (AAUW) Miami Branch**

**Purpose:** To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research

**Membership Criteria:** Two or four-year college or university degree, or current college student

**Dues:** \$79 yearly; \$17.00 yearly for students

**Number of Members:** 80

**Meet:** Third Saturdays with some exceptions; location varies

**Next Election of Officers:** June 2009

### **Contact:**

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Website: www.aauwmiamibranch.org	

## **American Business Women's Association — Kendall Charter Chapter**

**Purpose:** To provide businesswomen of diverse occupations with opportunities for net- working, leadership, education, and national recognition

**Dues:** Local \$25.00 National \$50.00

**Number of Members:** 30

**Meet:** 1st Thursday of each month, Radisson Kendall Hotel & Suites, 9100 North Kendall Drive at 6:30 p.m.

### **Contact:**

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ABWA-Kendall Charter  
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Homestead, FL 33030  
(305) 247-8961 (H)  
(305) 246-6850 (W)  
Email: sisdees@aol.com

## **ArtSpring, Inc.**

**Purpose:** Dedicated to the power of art to transform individuals and strengthen communities through creative expression; through a collaborative process, ArtSpring artist facilitators engage workshop participants in finding cultural meaning and creative expression through their own art making. ArtSpring's programs primarily serve incarcerated women and girls in detention and foster care

**Membership Criteria:** Open to all individuals with a passion for the organization's mission

**Dues:** \$1,000

**Number of Members:** Board Members - 7

**Meet:** Every other month on a Wednesday evening 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in Coral Gables; exact dates determined by the Board at the December meeting

**Next Election of Officers:** December 2008

### **Contact:**

Nicole K. Bible, Dir.	Leslie Neal, Founder
ArtSpring, Inc.	ArtSpring, Inc.
P. O. Box 795	P. O. Box 343432
Port Salerno, FL 34992	Florida City, FL 33034
(305) 278-1603	(305) 278-1601
Email: nicolebible@artspring.org	Email: Leslieneal@artspring.org
Website: www.artspring.org	Website: www.artspring.org

## Aqua Foundation for Women

**Purpose:** To promote the equality, strength, health, and visibility of South Florida lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (LBT) women; not-for-profit organization that sponsors charitable activities including the Aqua Girl Women's Weekend, the Family of Scholarships Program, the Grants Program and the Lesbian Health Initiative

**Contact:**

Vivian Lamadrid, Prog. Dir. Aqua Foundation For Women 1521 Alton Road, Suite 117 Miami Beach, FL 33139 (305) 576-2782 (305) 576-2783 (Fax) Email: vivian @aquafoundation.org Website: www.aquafoundation.org	Alison Burgos, Chair Board of Directors Aqua Foundation for Women 1521 Alton Road, Suite 117 Miami Beach, FL 33139 E-mail: alisonburgos @mac.com
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## Association for Women in Communications — South Florida Chapter

**Purpose:** To promote the advancement of women across all communications disciplines by recognizing excellence, promoting leadership and positioning its members at the forefront of the evolving communications era

**Contact:**

Tonya Scholz, President Association for Women in Communications South Florida Chapter (561) 948-4072 Email: tscholz@know-aging.com info@awcsouthflorida.org Website: www.awcsouthflorida.org	Carolina Schwarz, Co Pres Association for Women in Communications South Florida Chapter Email: cschwarz@ voices4.org Website: www.awcsouthflorida.org
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## Becca's Closet, Inc.

**Purpose:** To collect and distribute formal attire to high school students who might not otherwise be able attend their prom/homecoming; also provides scholarships to local students

**Membership Requirements:** Community can donate prom dresses at various locations; girls who need dresses should call for an appointment

**Contact:**

Becca's Closet, Inc.  
151 North Nob Hill Road, Suite 280  
Plantation, FL 33324  
(954) 424-9999  
Email: info@beccascloset.org  
Website: www.beccascloset.org

## Brandeis University National Women's Committee — South Miami-Dade Chapter

**Purpose:** To support the libraries on the Brandeis University campus in Waltham, Massachusetts.

**Membership Criteria:** Open to anyone who is interested and pays dues.

**Dues:** \$35.00 base dues yearly

**Number of Members:** 350

**Meet:** Varies; contact officers for information

**Contact:**

Shelley Hornik Membership Chair Brandeis University National Women's Committee 1540 Agua Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33156 (305) 662-4184 (H) (305) 445-1760 (Fax) Email: shelly1116@aol.com	Harriet Finver, President Brandeis University National Womens Committee 7690 SW 173 Street Miami, FL 33157 (305) 238-1156 Email: FinverH@comcast.net
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## **Broward County Commission on the Status of Women**

**Purpose:** Advisory board to the Broward County Commissioners on women's issues; dedicated to identifying and resolving economic, health, social and other issues concerning women's lives through education and advocacy

**Membership Criteria:** Must be appointed by a Broward County Commissioner

**Number of Members:** 18

**Meet:** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Room 302 at the Broward County Government Center, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

**Contact:**

Anne Grossman Yagoda, Chair Broward County COSW (954) 263-5352 Email: Yagoda@gmail.com	Broward County Commission on Status of Women Division of Civil Rights 115 South Andrews Ave. Suite A680 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 (954) 357-7800 Website: <a href="http://www.broward.org/statuswomen">www.broward.org/statuswomen</a>
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## **Business & Professional Women's Clubs Florida Federation (BPW/FL)**

**Purpose:** To be the leading advocate of working women; to promote equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information

**Contact:**

Carole Tolomeo, Business Manager  
Florida Federation of Business  
and Professional Women's Clubs  
3150 Holiday Springs Blvd.  
Building 8, # 111  
Margate, FL 33063  
Email: [info@bpwfl.org](mailto:info@bpwfl.org)  
[CJTolomeo@aol.com](mailto:CJTolomeo@aol.com)  
Website: [www.bpwusa.org](http://www.bpwusa.org)  
[www.bpwfl.org](http://www.bpwfl.org)

## **Miami Shores BPW Club**

**Purpose:** To be the leading advocate for working women, and to promote equity for working women through advocacy, education and information

**Membership Criteria:** Membership is open to all women who support the goals and objectives of the club

**Dues:** \$27.00 yearly

**Number of members:** 30

**Meet:** 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Miami Shores Country Club

**Next Election of Officers:** March 2009

**Contact:**

Carol Newport, President  
Miami Shores BPW Club  
10775 North Bayshore Drive  
Miami, FL 33161  
(305) 895-2669  
(305) 798-0125 (Cell)  
Email: [cnewport50@aol.com](mailto:cnewport50@aol.com)  
Website: [www.bpwmiamishores.org](http://www.bpwmiamishores.org)

## **Sunshine Coast BPW Club**

**Purpose:** To promote equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information; professional development, networking and community service opportunities

**Meet:** 4th Thursday of every month

**Contact:**

Dora Ortiz-Bevan, President  
Sunshine Coast BPW Club  
3809 SW 167 Avenue  
Miramar, FL 33029  
(305) 987-1637  
Email: [sunshinecoastbpw@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinecoastbpw@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.bpwusa.org](http://www.bpwusa.org)

## Casa Valentina

**Purpose:** To provide young women in Miami-Dade County who age out of foster care with safe, affordable housing and the support services they need to become successful independent adults. Casa Valentina has two affordable housing sites with the capacity to house up to 14 women ages 18-23. Along with housing, Casa Valentina provides a comprehensive life-skills, counseling and mentoring program to all residents

**Dues:** Donations are welcomed; different levels of sponsorship

**Contact:**

Chelsea Wilkerson Executive Director Casa Valentina 2990 SW 35 Avenue Miami, FL 33133 (305) 403-5380 E-mail: cwilkerson@casavalentina.org info@casavalentina.org Website: www.casavalentina.org	Sharon Katz Program Director Casa Valentina 2990 SW 35 Avenue Miami, FL 33133 (305) 403-5380 or (786) 271-0062 Email: skatz@casavalentina.org Website: www.casavalentina.org
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## Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. — Nu Chapter

**Purpose:** To provide community service that addresses issues focusing on promoting health awareness, disease prevention, leadership development, recruitment, retention and nursing scholarships

**Membership Criteria:** Registered nurses

**Dues:** \$185 per year

**Number of Members:** 35

**Meet:** 3rd Saturday of the month, Sept.-June, at 12 noon at NFL Y.E.T. Center, 7900 NW 22nd Avenue, Miami

**Next Election of Officers:** May 2009

**Contact:**

Geraleen Evans, Pres. Chi Eta Phi-Nu Chapter 3020 NW 152 Terrace Miami Gardens, FL 33054 (305) 687-2430	Lorraine Martin, 1st V.P. Chi Eta Phi – Nu Chapter 17703 SW 35 Court Miramar, FL 33029 (954) 432-8534
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## Chums, Inc. — Miami Chapter

**Purpose:** To promote friendship and positively improve the quality of life for youth in the community

**Membership Criteria:** By invitation only to adult women who wish to dedicate time and service to the community and uplift our national theme “Listen to the Children”

**Number of Members:** 10

**Meet:** 4th Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at various locations

**Next Election of Officers:** May 2009

**Contact:**

Kameelah Brown, President Chums, Inc. 301 NW 51 Street Miami, FL 33127 (305) 754-6146 Email: Kameelahb@hotmail.com Website: www.miamichums.org	Kimberly Douglas, V. P. Chums, Inc. 1471 NW 112 Terrace Miami, FL 33167 (305) 751-0198 Email: Kimberly92982@yahoo.com
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## Cinderella Club of Miami

**Purpose:** To recognize the many opportunities to make a difference

**Membership Criteria:** Active or retired women to accept responsibility in their community through charity, social, civic, educational and humanistic areas

**Number of Members:** 10

**Meet:** 3rd Wednesday of the month, September-June, 12:30 p.m. at various places

**Contact:**

Eugenia B. Thomas, President Cinderella Club P.O. Box 422005 Miami, FL 33242-2005 (305) 634-6005 (H) (305) 634-6005 (Fax, after 3 rings)	Placiel Hall, Treasurer Cinderella Club 844 NW 66 Street Miami, FL 33150 (305) 751-4980
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## City of Miami Commission on the Status of Women

**Purpose:** To serve in an advisory capacity to the Miami City Commission

**Membership Criteria:** Live, work or own property in the City of Miami and obtain appointment by the City of Miami Commissioners

**Number of Members:** 11

**Meet:** First Wednesday of the month from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at Miami City Hall

**Contact:**

Maria Mascarenas, Chair  
City of Miami Commission  
on the Status of Women  
6599 Biscayne Blvd.  
Miami, FL 33138  
(305) 795-2330  
(305) 795-2333 (F)  
Email: mtmascarenas@miamigov.com

Christian Brautigam, Staff  
Liaison  
City of Miami COSW  
c/o City Manager's Office  
444 SW 2nd Ave., 10th Floor  
Miami, FL 33130  
(305) 416-1032  
Email: cbrautigam@miamigov.com

## City of Miami Gardens Commission for Women

**Purpose:** To serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council and City Manager with respect to all matters pertaining to the status of women and to provide a permanent, effective voice for women across Miami Gardens

**Membership Criteria:** Members are appointed by the City Council and must live in the City or be employed in business in the City for at least two years

**Number of Members:** 13

**Meet:** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Miami Gardens City Hall

**Next Election of Officers:** March 2010

**Contact:**

Carolyn Nelson-Goedert, Chair  
Miami Gardens Commission for Women  
c/o City of Miami Gardens  
1515 NW 167 Street, Bldg. 5, Suite 200  
Miami Gardens, FL 33169  
Email: cynelgoe@aol.com

## City of Miami Beach Commission for Women

**Purpose:** To advise Miami Beach city officials of the social, economic and legal barriers that prevent women from obtaining meaningful roles in the family, the labor force, government and society as a whole and to work toward the elimination of those barriers

**Membership Criteria:** Appointed by a City Commissioner

**Number of Members:** 21

**Meet:** 2nd Tuesday of the month

**Next Election of Officers:** January 2009

**Contact:**

Dona Zemo, Chair  
Miami Beach CFW  
3101 Indian Creek Drive  
# 104  
Miami Beach, FL 33140  
(305) 672-1270 (W)  
Email: dona\_zemo@hotmail.com

Ana Cecilia Velasco, Staff  
Liaison  
Miami Beach CFW  
City Clerk's Office  
1700 Convention Center Dr.  
Miami Beach, FL 33139  
(305) 673-7000 Ext. 6727  
Email: anaceciliavelasco@miamibeachfl.gov

Debra Leibowitz, Co-Chair  
Miami Beach CFW  
adsetcinc@atlanticbb.net

## City of North Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women

**Purpose:** To help women in North Miami Beach through continuous development of quality educational programs; to work with other committees in a productive manner; and to serve in an advisory capacity to North Miami Beach City Council

**Membership Criteria:** Resident of the City of North Miami Beach

**Meet:** 2nd Monday of the month from September to May

**Number of Members:** 12

**Next Election of Officers:** May 2009

**Contact:**

Raabia Liladrie, Chair  
North Miami Beach COSW  
Email: raabia3014@aol.com

Michelle Warsop Co-Chair  
North Miami Beach COSW  
(786) 546-4451



## City of South Miami Commission for Women

**Purpose:** Advisory Board for the Mayor on women's issues; to support efforts for economic, political, and social equality for women and girls

**Membership Criteria:** Must be appointed by the Mayor of South Miami and must live or work in South Miami

**Number of Members:** 8

**Meet:** Last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at South Miami City Hall, Commission Chambers, 6130 Sunset Drive, South Miami, Florida

### Contact:

Patricia Vecenty, Chair  
South Miami COSW  
6290 SW 62 Place  
South Miami, FL 33143  
(305) 663-6332  
Email: vecentyp@bellsouth.net

Sharon Kendrick-Johnson  
Vice-Chair  
South Miami COSW  
P. O. Box 557412  
Miami, FL 33255  
(305) 772-7001 (cell)  
Email: sjohnson3@usa.net

## Coalition of Cuban American Women

**Purpose:** To speak out on behalf of the silenced and oppressed people of Cuba and provide them with moral and material support-particularly the human rights activists, the political prisoners, the children, and the women; to carry out informational campaigns to gather solidarity for the cause of Cuba's freedom and create world conscience of the repressive Cuban regime

**Membership Criteria:** Women of all ages, nationalities and races are welcome

**Number of Members:** 20

**Meet:** 2nd and 4th Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Casa de la Brigada 2506, 1821 SW 9th Street, Miami

### Contact:

Laida Carro, President  
Coalition of Cuban American Women  
4635 Granada Blvd.  
Coral Gables, FL 33146  
(305) 662-5947  
(305) 740-7323 (Fax)  
Email: JOSEITO76@aol.com

## Coconut Grove Negro Women's Club, Inc.

**Purpose:** Scholarship and community service

**Membership Criteria:** Resident and/or concern for the residents of Coconut Grove

**Dues:** \$60.00

**Number of Members:** 26

**Meet:** 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except July and August, at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3515 Douglas Road, Miami

**Next Election of Officers:** October 2010

### Contact:

Julia Faye Falco, Pres.  
Coconut Grove Negro  
Women's Club, Inc.  
3421 Florida Avenue  
Miami, FL 33133  
(305) 444-5860

Mary Jessie  
Correspondence Secretary  
Coconut Grove Negro  
Women's Club, Inc.  
3435 Shipping Avenue  
Miami, FL 33133  
(305) 444-3132

## Coco Plum Woman's Club

**Purpose:** To support over 20 charities in the community and to be available to help in emergencies

**Membership Criteria:** Must be sponsored by two members who have known the woman for one year or more

**Dues:** \$30.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 107

**Meet:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, October - May, at the clubhouse at 1375 Sunset Drive, Coral Gables

### Contact:

Christine Mena, President  
Coco Plum Woman's Club  
6720 SW 49 Terrace  
Miami, FL 33155  
(786) 268-7259

## Commercial Real Estate Women Miami, Inc. (CREW Miami)

**Purpose:** To provide a forum for professionals in the commercial real estate industry to promote interaction, ethics and integrity, and educational opportunities; and to provide a support network

**Membership Criteria:** Work in the commercial real estate industry or related fields for a minimum of five years and maintain the highest professional and ethical standards

**Dues:** \$335.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 150

**Meet:** See website at [www.crewmiami.org](http://www.crewmiami.org)

**Contact:**

Lyan Fernandez CREW-Miami 3109 Grand Avenue PMB 229 Miami, FL 33133 (305) 938-0775 (ph/fax) Email: <a href="mailto:info@crewmiami.org">info@crewmiami.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.crewmiami.org">www.crewmiami.org</a>	Gayle Bainbridge, President CREW-Miami c/o Global Risk 5959 Blue Lagoon Drive # 101 Miami, FL 33126 Email: <a href="mailto:gbainbridge@globalriskllc.com">gbainbridge@globalriskllc.com</a>
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## Concerned African Women

**Purpose:** To provide children with a safe learning environment; to provide after-school, out-of-school, and summer programs for youth in areas of prevention, intervention, and academic enhancement; youth and family programming

**Contact:**

Carolyn Kiani Nesbitt, Founder & CEO  
Concerned African Women  
1505 NW 167 Street, Suite 101  
Miami, FL 33169  
(305) 621-3700  
Website: [www.cawomen.org](http://www.cawomen.org)

## The Commonwealth Institute — South Florida

**Purpose:** To help women CEOs and senior executives build and grow successful businesses

**Membership Criteria:** Senior executives and/or CEO woman in a business with minimum revenues of \$250,000, more than one year in business and two or more employees

**Dues:** \$395/\$1950

**Number of Members:** 150

**Meet:** Monthly luncheons; locations vary between downtown Miami and Broward County

**Contact:**

Jodi Cross, Executive Director The Commonwealth Institute— South Florida 16850-112 Collins Avenue Suite 339 Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160 (305) 799-6547 Email: <a href="mailto:jcross@commonwealthinstitute.org">jcross@commonwealthinstitute.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.commonwealthinstitute.org/tcisouthflorida">www.commonwealthinstitute.org/tcisouthflorida</a>	Dorothy Eisenberg, Pres The Commonwealth Institute, South Florida 16850-112 Collins Ave. Suite 339 Sunny Isles Bch., FL 33160 (305) 868-3600 Email: <a href="mailto:dse@gprco-cpa.com">dse@gprco-cpa.com</a>
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## Continental Societies, Inc. Greater Miami Chapter

**Purpose:** To foster and promote the welfare of children and youth in the areas of health, education, employment, recreation and arts, and humanities

**Membership Criteria:** By invitation or request for information; desire to serve children and operate with the spirit of excellence and teamwork

**Dues:** \$200.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 32

**Meet:** 2nd Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

**Next Election of Officers:** May 2011

**Contact:**

Dr. Earlene P. Dotson, Chapter President  
Continental Societies, Greater Miami Chapter  
P. O. Box 162238  
Miami, FL 33116  
(305) 233-4359 (Fax)  
Email: [miacontinentals@bellsouth.net](mailto:miacontinentals@bellsouth.net)  
Website: [www.greatermiamicontinentals.com](http://www.greatermiamicontinentals.com)

## Continental Societies, Inc. North Dade-Broward County Chapter

**Purpose:** To promote the betterment of children

**Membership Criteria:** Must possess a special interest in the educational, social, emotional, cultural, physical and spiritual needs of children

**Dues:** \$200 yearly

**Number of Members:** 25

**Meet:** 2nd Saturday, September- June, 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

**Next Election of Officers:** June 2009

**Contact:**

Shirley Williams, Pres.  
Continental Societies  
North Dade-Broward  
County Chapter  
19390 Collins Ave. # 1601A  
Sunny Isles Beach  
FL 33160  
(305) 682-8488 (H)  
(305) 588-0729 (cell)  
(305) 682-8490 (Fax)  
Email: sstdwilliams520@aol.com

Annette Johnson-Hurry, V.P.  
Continental Societies  
North Dade-Broward  
County Chapter  
996 SW 159 Way  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33027  
(954) 885-0701 (H)  
(954) 253-1520 (Cell)  
Email: annette.johnson-  
hurry@eds.com

## Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce — Women's Business Network

**Purpose:** To empower women in the business community

**Membership Criteria:** Be a member of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and pay dues

**Number of Members:** 1,600 Chamber members

**Meet:** 1st Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

**Contact:**

Natalie Leon  
Women's Business Network  
Coral Gables Chamber of  
Commerce  
224 Catalonia Avenue  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
(305) 446-1657  
Email: info@coralgableschamber.org  
Website: www.coralgableschamber.org

Nancy Perez, Chair  
Women's Business Network  
Coral Gables Chamber of  
Commerce  
7241 SW 168 Street, Suite C  
Miami, FL 33157  
(305) 232-4000

## Coral Gables Woman's Club

**Purpose:** To support various projects and charities;  
community service

**Membership Criteria:** Complete membership application  
and then be approved by the Board

**Meet:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:30  
p.m. at the Coral Gables Woman's Club, 1001 East Ponce de  
Leon Blvd., Coral Gables, FL 33134

**Contact:**

Charo Bolanos, President  
Coral Gables Woman's Club  
P. O. Box 140-614  
Coral Gables, FL 33114  
(305) 448-7080 (Club Office)  
Email: info@CoralGablesWomansClub.com  
charobolanos@aol.com  
Website: www.CoralGablesWomansClub.com

## Cupidettes Club, Inc.

**Purpose:** Charity, civic and social; to make a positive  
difference in our community

**Membership Criteria:** Female at least 20 years old and of  
good moral character

**Dues:** \$100.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 24

**Meet:** 2nd Saturday of the month, Sept.-June, at 11:00 a.m.

**Contact:**

Shirley Blythe  
Cupidettes Club, Inc.  
18000 NW 25 Avenue  
Miami, FL 33055  
(305) 623-7703  
Email: Shirleydragne@aol.com

Christine Gainous  
Cupidettes Club, Inc.  
14221 NW 23 Place  
Miami, FL 33054  
(305) 685-9273  
Email: clgaino412@aol.com

## Cutler Ridge Woman's Club

**Purpose:** To operate for charitable and educational purposes; to bring women together for intellectual and social development

**Membership Criteria:** Any woman interested in the purpose of the club willing to be active and assume the functional responsibilities of the club

**Dues:** \$35.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 21

**Meet:** 4th Tuesdays, September – May, 9:30 a.m. at Cutler Ridge Park

**Contact:**

Ruth E. Perry, President  
Cutler Ridge Woman's Club  
28201 SW 195 Avenue  
Homestead, FL 33030  
(305) 245-9255 (H)  
(305) 484-5934 (cell)

Peggy Courtright  
1st Vice President  
Cutler Ridge Woman's Club  
9510 Montego Bay Road  
Cutler Bay, FL 33189

## Dade County Charmettes, Inc.

**Purpose:** To improve the quality of life within the community, to promote youth education and community service, and to support the program objectives of the national body

**Membership Criteria:** Invitations are extended and approved by the club

**Dues:** \$200.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 26

**Meet:** 4th weekend of each month, September – June

**Contact:**

Evelyn Wynn  
President  
Dade County Charmettes  
1261 NW Little River Drive  
Miami FL 33147  
(305) 693-1745  
(305) 693-5992 (Fax)  
Email: emhwynn1@aol.com

Alvena Johnson, V. Pres.  
Dade County Charmettes  
445 NE 94 Street  
Miami, FL 33138  
(305) 759-1256  
Email: alvenaj@msn.com

## Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs (DCFWC)

**Purpose:** To bring together the women's organizations in Miami-Dade for mutual benefit

**Membership Criteria:** Women's organizations that are involved in community service, education, conservation, the arts, international affairs and civic improvement

**Dues:** \$8-\$14.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 500

**Meet:** 4th Wednesday in January, March, May and October at 10:30 a.m. at the Miami Woman's Club, 1737 N. Bayshore Drive.

**Next Election of Officers:** 2010

**Contact:**

Veronica Fuchs, Pres.  
Dade County  
Fed. of Women's Clubs  
5932 NE 6th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33137  
(305) 759-1870

Anita Ricci, 1st V.P.  
Dade County  
Fed. of Women's Clubs  
230 174th Street, Apt. 1619  
Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160  
(305) 933-3155

Email: veronicassecretcloset@hotmail.com

Website: www.dadefederation.org

## Daughters of Penelope

**Purpose:** To promote Hellenism; education, philanthropy, civic responsibility and excellence

**Membership Criteria:** Greek Orthodox religion, revere Hellenic traditions; a citizen of the U.S.; and over 21 years of age

**Dues:** \$30.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 16 local members; 10,000 nationwide

**Meet:** 2nd Wednesday of every month at St. Sophia Church Hall

**Contact:**

Poppy Pahides Chimerakis,  
Chapter President  
Daughters of Penelope  
419 Catalonia Avenue  
Coral Gables, FL 33134-6530  
(305) 448-0289

Vasiliki Wills  
Chapter Vice President  
Daughters of Penelope  
407 Alhambra Circle  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
(305) 567-0204

## Daughters Of Isis Kazah Court Number 117

**Purpose:** Social and Charitable

**Membership Criteria:** Wife, daughter, sister, mother, or widow of a Noble of the Mystic Shrine (Shriner)

**Dues:** \$50.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 150

**Meet:** 4th Tuesday of each month, 8:00 p.m. at 500 Fisherman Street in Opa-Locka

**Contact:**

Dr. Charlie Powell Albury Daughters of Isis International Vice President 16130 NW 44th Court Miami, FL 33054 (305) 620-7861 (305) 620-0800 (Fax)	Allyson Goggins, President Daughters of Isis 2601 NW 207, St., # 255 Miami, FL 33056 (305) 625-1567 Email: Allysongoggins@hotmail.com
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## Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Dade County Alumnae Chapter

**Purpose:** To promote the advancement, cultural development and self sufficiency of the African-American community

**Membership Criteria:** By invitation

**Number of Members:** 190

**Meet:** 1st Saturday of the month except July and August; time and place vary

**Next Election of Officers:** May 2009

**Contact:**

Ruby Howard, President  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority  
Dade County Alumnae Chapter  
P. O. Box 521806  
Miami, FL 33152  
(305) 688-2911  
Email: dadechapter@yahoo.com  
Website: www.dadecountyalumnaedst.com

## Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. — Miami Alumnae Chapter

**Purpose:** Organization of college-educated women committed to constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community

**Membership Criteria:** By invitation

**Number of Members:** 294

**Meet:** First Saturday of each month from September to June at various locations; meetings are open to members only

**Contact:**

Regina Giles, President  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority  
Miami Alumnae Chapter  
P.O. Box 680726  
Miami, FL 33168-0726  
Website: www.dstmiami.org

## Deltacare, Inc.

**Purpose:** To promote educational awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS on women of color

**Membership Criteria:** Member of Dade Chapter of Delta with interest in HIV/AIDS and specialty/professional opening

**Number of Members:** 12

**Meet:** 5th Sunday at 3:00 p.m.; location announced quarterly

**Contact:**

Marilyn Tyre, President  
DeltaCare, Inc.  
16288 SW 28 Court  
Miramar, FL 33027  
Email: deltacare2002@yahoo.com

## **Democratic POWER (Political Organization of Women for Empowerment and Representation)**

**Purpose:** To educate members on political issues; promote Democratic ideals; encourage political activism of women; identify outstanding candidates; and establish a multi-cultural/multi-ethnic membership

**Membership Criteria:** Registration as a Democratic voter, female or male

**Dues:** \$25.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 150

**Meets:** 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Bet Shira Congregation, 7500 SW 120 Street, Pinecrest

**Next Election of Officers:** January 2009

### **Contact:**

Dr. Jeff Solomon, President  
Democratic POWER  
(786) 412-8555  
Email: gypsydoc@bellsouth.net

## **Domestic Violence Assistance and Shelters**

### **Safespace North**

Patricia Sims, Director  
Safespace Shelter North  
P. O. Box 380817  
Miami, FL 33238-0817  
**(305) 758-2546 (Shelter Hotline)**

### **Safespace South**

Teresa Rabreau  
Social Services Supervisor  
Safespace South  
P. O. Box 901748  
Homestead, FL 33090  
**(305) 247-4249 (Shelter Hotline)**

### **The Lodge**

Angela Diaz-Vidaillet, CEO  
The Lodge  
P. O. Box 470728  
Miami, FL 33147  
(305) 693-1170  
**(305) 693-0232 (24 Hour Crisis Line)**  
(305) 693-2604 (Fax)  
Email: angelad@thelodgemiami.org  
Website: www.thelodgemiami.org

**Victims can call the shelters' hotline numbers to be screened and to obtain the exact locations of the shelters**

### **Safespace Foundation, Inc.**

Roslyn Parker, President  
Safespace Foundation  
P. O. Box 530521  
Miami Shores, FL 33153  
(305) 758-2804, ext. 253  
(954) 274-1537  
Website: www.safespacefoundation.org

**Safespace Foundation administers direct relief funds that provide victims of domestic violence with financial emergency assistance, services, and support**

### **Sahara**

Shashi Jagadish, President  
Shahida Shakir, Vice Pres.  
Sahara  
**1-866-567-7635 (Help Line)**  
Email: info.at.saharafl@gmail.com  
Website: www.saharafl.org

**Sahara works to combat domestic violence in the Asian communities of South Florida and provides support for Asian women who are victims of domestic violence**

## Domestic Violence Intake Unit

**Purpose:** To assist victims of domestic and repeat violence to obtain protective orders, support services and referrals to community resources and services

**Contact:**

Ivon Mesa, Director  
Domestic Violence Intake Unit  
Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center  
175 NW 1st Avenue, Mezzanine  
Miami, FL 33128  
(305) 349 – 5677  
(305) 349 – 5679 (Fax)  
Email: [mesai@miamidade.gov](mailto:mesai@miamidade.gov)

## Dress for Success

**Purpose:** To provide business clothing and training skills to economic-assistance recipients, ex-offenders, transitional housing clients, victims of domestic abuse, youth in foster care, and others who are struggling to secure and retain employment; Dress for Success is affiliated with Suited for Success

**Contact:**

Sonia Jacobson, Executive Director  
Suited for Success/Dress for Success  
2650 SW 27 Ave., Suite 300A  
Miami, FL 33133  
(305) 444-1944  
Email: [sonia@suitedforsuccess.org](mailto:sonia@suitedforsuccess.org)  
[miami@dressforsuccess.org](mailto:miami@dressforsuccess.org)  
Website: [www.dressforsuccess.org/miami](http://www.dressforsuccess.org/miami)

## Embrace Girls Foundation, Inc. Embrace Girl Power!

**Purpose:** After school program to provide positive social experiences, life skills training, academic tutoring, mentoring and cultural exposure for at-risk girls ages 5-14 residing in underserved impoverished neighborhoods of Miami-Dade County; character building and improving self-esteem for girls

**Dues:** Donations are welcomed

**Contact:**

Velma R. Lawrence, Executive Director  
Embrace Girls Foundation, Inc.  
18520 NW 67 Avenue, Suite 340  
Miami Lakes, FL 33015  
(305) 270-4099  
Email: [embraceu1@aol.com](mailto:embraceu1@aol.com)  
[embracegirlpower@aol.com](mailto:embracegirlpower@aol.com)  
Website: [www.embracegirlpower.org](http://www.embracegirlpower.org)

## Emily's List

**Purpose:** To recruit, train, assist and mentor Democratic pro-choice women interested in running for federal, state and local office

**Membership Criteria:** Open to all progressive women and men

**Dues:** \$100.00 per year plus contribute to two Emily's list endorsed candidates during each election cycle

**Meet:** Two local briefings each year—one in winter and a second in the spring or early fall. Majority Council conference held in Washington D.C. each spring

**Contact:**

Shellie Sachs Levin  
Emily's List  
22800 SW 157 Ave.  
Miami, FL 33170  
(305) 248-0860 (W)  
Email: [Shlevin@bellsouth.net](mailto:Shlevin@bellsouth.net)  
Website: [www.emilyslist.org](http://www.emilyslist.org)

## Eta Phi Beta Sorority — Alpha Gamma Chapter

**Purpose:** To promote and develop closer fellowship among business and professional women and to work for their welfare; to obtain for women the opportunity for the highest standards in all business fields; to provide scholarships to high school graduates to further their education in business and professional fields

**Membership Criteria:** Associates degree or proof of completing at least two years of college

**Meet:** 4th Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

**Contact:**

Michele Wyatt-Sweeting, President  
Eta Phi Beta Sorority  
PO Box 012596  
Miami, FL 33130-2569



## Executive Women's Golf Association (EWG) Miami Chapter

**Purpose:** To provide opportunities for women to learn, play and enjoy the game of golf for business and for life

**Membership Criteria:** Interest in golf, business networking and friendships

**Dues:** \$125 yearly; other levels

**Meet:** Monthly golf events, annual chapter championship tournament, seminars, clinics and other social and charity events

**Contact:**

Executive Women's Golf Assoc. Miami Chapter 300 Avenue of the Champions Suite 140 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418-3615 (305) 663-2593 (Chapter Hotline) 1-800-407-1477 Email: <a href="mailto:info@myewga.com">info@myewga.com</a> <a href="mailto:miami@ewgachapter.com">miami@ewgachapter.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.ewga.com">www.ewga.com</a> <a href="http://www.orgsites.com/fl/ewgamiami">www.orgsites.com/fl/ewgamiami</a>	EWGA Miami P. O. Box 310548 Miami, FL 33231
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## Florida Association for Women Lawyers (F.A.W.L.) — Miami-Dade County Chapter

**Purpose:** To promote the advancement of women in the legal profession

**Membership Criteria:** Full members must be in good standing of the Bar of any State; other levels of membership

**Contact:**

Stacey Koch, President FAWL-Miami-Dade Chapter c/o Shook Hardy & Bacon 201 S. Biscayne Boulevard Suite 2400 Miami, FL 33131 Email: <a href="mailto:skoch@shb.com">skoch@shb.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.fawl.org">www.fawl.org</a>	Julie Kane, Pres.-Elect FAWL-Miami-Dade Chapter c/o Colson Hicks Eidson 255 Aragon Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134 Email: <a href="mailto:Julie@colson.com">Julie@colson.com</a>
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## Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation

**Purpose:** To eradicate breast cancer through research, education and advocacy

**Contact:**

James Konschnik, CEO FL. Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation 1835 E. Hallandale Bch Blvd., # 191, Hallandale, FL 33009 (954) 454-4156 (954) 454-4158 (fax) Email: <a href="mailto:assistant@fbccrf.org">assistant@fbccrf.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.fbccrf.org">www.fbccrf.org</a>	Deb Haggerty, Chair FL. Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation (954) 454-4156 Email: <a href="mailto:Deb@fbccrf.org">Deb@fbccrf.org</a>
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## Florida Breast Health Initiative

**Purpose:** To educate women about the importance of breast health, by providing free door to door awareness, education, screening and referrals; targeting the uninsured and underserved in an effort to eradicate breast cancer as a life threatening disease, one household at a time

**Contact:**

Andrea Ivory, Executive Director  
Florida Breast Health Initiative  
6447 Miami Lakes Drive East, Suite 222 E  
Miami Lakes, FL 33014  
(305) 825-4081  
(305) 825-4082 (Fax)  
Email: [andreaivory@flbreasthealth.com](mailto:andreaivory@flbreasthealth.com)  
Website: [www.flbreasthealth.com](http://www.flbreasthealth.com)



## Florida Commission on the Status of Women

**Purpose:** To study and make recommendations to the Governor, Cabinet, and Legislature on issues affecting women; to empower women to achieve their fullest potential, to eliminate barriers to that achievement and to recognize women's accomplishments

**Membership Criteria:** Must be appointed by the Governor, House Speaker, Senate President, Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer or Commissioner of Agriculture

**Number of Members:** 22

**Meet:** Quarterly meetings in different parts of the State of Florida

**Contact:**

Kelly Sciba, Executive Director  
Florida COSW  
Office of the Attorney General  
The Capitol, PL-01  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050  
(850) 414-3300  
Email: Kelly\_Sciba@oag.state.fl.us  
Website: www.fcswnet

## Florida Council of Catholic Women — Province of Miami

**Purpose:** To unite Catholic women of Florida in purpose, direction and action in religious, educational, legislative, social and economic fields

**Membership Criteria:** Through the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women or any Catholic Diocesan Council in Florida

**Number of Members:** 70,000

**Contact:**

Judy Powers, President/Province Director  
Florida Council of Catholic Women  
Province of Miami  
Email: jepowers@bellsouth.net  
Website: www.flaccw.catholicweb.com

## Florida Freedom Partnership

**Purpose:** To assist and provide services to victims of human trafficking/ modern-day slavery and to raise awareness of the problem in the community through education and outreach activities; clients are foreign born victims of human trafficking

**Contact:**

Regina Bernadin, Program Manager Florida Freedom Partnership (305) 640-9856 (305) 640-9978 (F) Email: regina@floridafreedom.org Website: www.FloridaFreedom.org	Cristobal Perez Case Manager Florida Freedom Partnership (305) 640-9856 (305) 640-9978 (F) Email: cristobal@floridafreedom.org Website: www.FloridaFreedom.org
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## Florida International University (FIU) Women's Center, Biscayne Bay Campus

**Purpose:** To provide programs and services that serve the needs and enhance the lives of women at F.I.U.; to educate and advocate for women's issues on campus

**Membership Criteria:** None to be involved but must be an FIU student to access services

**Meet:** Varies; for a calendar of events and meetings visit <http://women.fiu.edu>

**Contact:**

Bronwen Bares, Coordinator  
Women's Center, WUC 246  
Florida International Univ.  
3000 NE 151 Street  
North Miami, FL 33181  
Email: baresb@fiu.edu  
Website: <http://women.fiu.edu>

## Florida International University (FIU) Women's Center, University Park Campus

**Purpose:** To provide programs and services that serve the needs and enhance the lives of women at FIU.; to educate and advocate for women's issues on campus

**Membership Criteria:** None to be involved but must be an FIU student to access services

**Meet:** Varies; for a calendar of events and meetings visit <http://women.fiu.edu>

**Contact:**

Suzanne Onorato, Director  
Women's Center, GC 2200  
Florida International Univ.  
11200 SW 8th Street  
Miami, FL 33199  
(305) 348-1506  
Email: [onoratos@fiu.edu](mailto:onoratos@fiu.edu)  
Website: <http://women.fiu.edu>

## Florida International University (FIU) Women's Studies Center

**Purpose:** To foster intellectual exchange, creative pursuits, social justice advocacy and global perspectives concerning women's and gender issues

**Membership Criteria:** Open to all

**Dues:** \$35 to join "Friends of Women's Studies"

**Number of Members:** 45

**Contact:**

Laurie Shrage, Ph.D., Director  
Women's Studies Center  
Florida Int'l University  
University Park Campus, DM 212  
11200 SW 8th Street  
Miami, FL 33199  
(305) 348-2408 (W)  
(305) 348-3143 (Fax)  
Email: [wstudies@fiu.edu](mailto:wstudies@fiu.edu)  
Website: [www.fiu.edu/~wstudies](http://www.fiu.edu/~wstudies)

## Florida Women of Achievement

**Purpose:** A photographic documentary by Scherley Busch to educate about women's accomplishments and to highlight outstanding women; the documentary continually grows as honorees are chosen and their portraits are created and added to the exhibition; annual exhibits and luncheons

**Contact:**

Scherley Busch, Executive and Artistic Director  
Florida Women of Achievement  
4186 Pamona Avenue  
Miami, FL 33133  
(305) 661-6605  
(305) 666-7142 (F)  
Email: [flawomen@hotmail.com](mailto:flawomen@hotmail.com)  
[scherleybusch@comcast.net](mailto:scherleybusch@comcast.net)  
Website: [www.floridawomenofachievement.com](http://www.floridawomenofachievement.com)

## Florida Women's Consortium

**Purpose:** Nonpartisan advocacy group of organizations and individuals committed to achieving full equality and empowerment of women; to provide a communications network and to coordinate activities of member groups

**Dues:** Individuals - \$ 25.00 yearly.  
Local organization - \$ 40.00 yearly  
Statewide organization - \$125.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 150,000 women and men represented within the state of Florida

**Meet:** Annual meeting in March and semi-annual meeting in September

**Next Election of Officers:** March 2009

**Contact:**

Carole J. Tolomeo, Pres.  
Florida Women's Consortium  
3150 Holiday Springs Boulevard  
Bldg. 8 Apartment 111  
Margate, FL 33063  
(954) 752-0576 (H)  
Email: [cjtolomeo@aol.com](mailto:cjtolomeo@aol.com)  
Website: [www.floridawomensconsortium.com](http://www.floridawomensconsortium.com)

## Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida

**Purpose:** To serve all girls through educational and service learning activities; to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place

**Membership Criteria:** Open to all girls K-12th grade and all adults 18+ (men and women) who would like to volunteer

**Dues:** \$10.00 yearly, there are also minimal program fees

**Number of Members:** 15,000 + in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties

**Meet:** Vary by troop and area; call (305) 253-4841 for information

**Contact:**

Julie Vilaboy Trujillo  
Director of Marketing/Communications  
Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida  
11347 SW 160th Street  
Miami, FL 33157-2703  
(305) 253-4841, ext 246  
Email: jtrujillo@girlscoutsfl.org  
Website: www.girlscoutsfl.org

## Girls Advocacy Project (GAP)

**Purpose:** Prevention, intervention and education program for girls in detention

**Contact:**

Vicki Lopez Lukis, Pres.  
GAP  
5201 Blue Lagoon Drive  
# 964  
Miami, FL 33126  
(305) 629-3505 (W)  
(305) 629-3556 (F)  
(305) 216-7794 (Cell)  
Email: vickilukis@mac.com  
Website: www.gapgirls.org

Melissa Fritsch, Chair  
Board of Directors  
GAP  
5201 Blue Lagoon Dr.  
# 964  
Miami, FL 33126  
(305) 629-3505 (W)  
(305) 629-3556 (F)  
(561) 452-6217 (Cell)

## Grands for Grands

**Purpose:** To provide a continuum of services for grandmothers who need access to services for the challenges of second time around parenting

**Membership Criteria:** Grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren due to substance abuse, mental health problems, domestic violence, and homelessness of their own children

**Number of Members:** 7

**Meet:** Please call

**Contact:**

Patricia Vecenty, CEO  
Grands for Grands  
P. O. Box 557412  
Miami, FL 33255  
(305) 934-8518  
Email: Vecentyp@bellsouth.net

## Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Women's Department

**Purpose:** To educate, inform and develop leadership about and for the Jewish community locally, in Israel, and worldwide

**Membership Criteria:** Female and living in Miami-Dade

**Dues:** None

**Number of Members:** Thousands

**Meet:** Varies; for information call (786) 866-8438 or 8440

**Next Election of Officers:** April 2009

**Contact:**

Marsha Kolman, Director  
Greater Miami Jewish Fed.  
Women's Dept.  
4200 Biscayne Blvd  
Miami, FL 33137  
(786) 866-8438  
Email: mzkolman@gmjf.org  
Website: www.jewishmiami.org

Julie Bercow, Pres.  
Greater Miami Jewish Fed  
Women's Dept.  
4200 Biscayne Blvd  
Miami, FL 33137

## Grubstake Resources for Women

**Purpose:** To help women in distress establish a new home and make a good start. Through donations received from the public, such as furniture, household goods, kitchen ware, cars, and clothing, Grubstake establishes households for women in need. Grubstake also raises funds by providing services such as moving and delivery service, car washing, sewing and alterations, and house and office cleaning

**Dues:** Volunteers and donations are appreciated; call to schedule pickup of donations

**Meet:** Thrift Shop open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Contact:**

Heather Klinker  
Grubstake Resources for Women  
2401 North Miami Avenue  
Miami, FL 33127  
(305) 573-2976  
E-mail: grubstaketoday@aol.com

## Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association

**Purpose:** To address the concerns of women lawyers as they relate to the social, economic, political and moral needs of the community

**Membership Criteria:** Attorneys or retired attorneys in good standing with a bar of any state or the District of Columbia

**Contact:**

Marva Wiley, Esq., President	Erica Wright, Past President
Gwen S. Cherry Black Women	Gwen S. Cherry Black Women
Lawyers Association	Lawyers Association
P. O. Box 012631	(305) 724-4596
Miami, FL 33101	Email: ewright50
(305) 493-0644	@sprintpcs.com
Email: info@gscbwla.org	
Website: www.gscbwla.org	

## Hadassah — Greater Miami Region The Women's Zionist Organization of America

**Purpose:** Volunteer organization; advocacy and education

**Membership Criteria:** Pay membership dues

**Dues:** \$36.00 yearly; \$360.00 lifetime

**Number of Members:** 6, 500 locally; 300,000 nationally

**Meet:** Various areas and times in Miami-Dade County

**Next Election of Officers:** June 1, 2009

**Contact:**

Diane Taub, President  
Hadassah  
Greater Miami Region  
4200 Biscayne Blvd.  
Miami, FL 33137  
(305) 576-4447  
(305) 576-4448 (Fax)  
Email: greater.miami@hadassah.org  
Website: www.greater.miamihadassah.org

## Haitian Organization of Women, Inc. (HOW, Inc.)

**Purpose:** Non-profit organization established in 1989 to serve Haitian women, children and families through programs and outreach activities that include social, cultural, economic and family counseling projects; community center and afterschool programs

**Contact:**

Micheline Ducena, Executive Director  
HOW, Inc.  
162 SW 1st Avenue  
Homestead, FL 33030  
(305) 245-8158 (W)  
Email: how\_w@bellsouth.net

## Haitian Support, Inc

**Purpose:** To provide moral and emotional support to the Haitian community and its service providers

**Membership Criteria:** A minimum of 10 hours a month of volunteer time in person or virtual

**Number of Members:** 200

**Meet:** Board members meet twice a year; time and location TBA

### Contact:

Danielle Romer, Pres.  
Haitian Support, Inc.  
P. O. Box 570915  
Miami, FL 33257  
(305) 333-4862  
Email: tchdr421@  
yahoo.com  
Website: www.  
volunteermatch.com  
www.radiorch.net

Gisele Charles-Pierre V.Pres.  
Haitian Support, Inc.  
162 SW 1st Avenue  
Homestead, FL 33030  
Email: Haitiansupport@  
juno.com  
Website: www.  
volunteermatch.com

## Haitian Women of Miami, Inc. (Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc.)

**Purpose:** To promote the social, economic, and political well being of Haitian women and their families; immigration advocacy and social services agency

**Dues:** Donations are welcomed

### Contact:

Marleine Bastien, Exec. Director  
Haitian Women of Miami, Inc.  
8325 NE 2nd Ave. Suite 100  
Miami, FL 33138  
(305) 756-8050  
Email: marleine\_bastien@hotmail.com  
info@fanm.org  
Website: www.fanm.org

## Homestead Jr. Woman's Club

**Purpose:** Charity, volunteer, and community service

**Membership Criteria:** Must be at least 18 years old

**Dues:** \$40 per year

**Number of Members:** 22

**Meet:** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Homestead, 17905 SW 292 Street, Homestead

### Contact:

Lynne Guadamuz, Pres.  
Homestead Jr. Woman's Club  
P. O. Box 900306  
Homestead, FL 33090  
(305) 302-7010 (cell)  
Email: Topazfrogs@yahoo.com

Amanda Garner, 2nd V.P.  
Homestead Jr. Woman's Club  
P. O. Box 900306  
Homestead, FL 33090  
(305) 245-2211  
Email: Agarner@community  
bankfl.com

## Honey Shine Mentoring Program

**Purpose:** To empower young at-risk girls, from 8 to 18 years of age, to achieve their full potential through mentoring, "Girl Talk" rap sessions, and other events; Founded by Tracy Wilson Mourning, the organization provides a common spiritual, mental, and physical thread to young girls to light their path and create balance

**Memberships Criteria:** Attendance at monthly board meetings; participation in workshops, rap sessions and programming

**Number of Members:** 21 Board members

### Contact:

Tracy Wilson Mourning  
Honey Shine  
Mentoring Program  
Alonzo Mourning  
Charities Inc.  
P.O. Box 330110  
Coconut Grove, FL 33233  
(305) 476-0095, ext. 106  
Email: info@honeyshine.org  
Website: www.honeyshine.org

Andrea Graham, Prog.Manager  
Honey Shine  
Mentoring Program  
Alonzo Mourning  
Charities Inc.  
P. O. Box 330110  
Coconut Grove, FL 33233  
(305) 476-0095, ext. 106  
Email: andrea@honeyshine.org

## ITWomen

**Purpose:** To provide innovative programs for networking, mentoring and professional development in technology fields; to increase the visibility and recognition of women's contributions to technology; to increase the number of women entering technology-related fields; to enhance the professional environment of women working in technology

**Membership Criteria:** Individuals interested in the advancement, advocacy, and development of women professionals in technology

**Dues:** \$150 corporate; \$100 individual; \$25 students

**Meet:** Bi-monthly

**Contact:**

Sherry Thompson Giordano  
Executive Director  
ITWomen  
(305) 936-9091  
(305) 926-9778  
Email: Sherry@sftgassociates.com  
info@itwomen.org  
Website: www.itwomen.org

## Independent Women International Network (IWIN)

**Purpose:** Information and support network and education

**Membership Criteria:** Independent business owners in real estate or related fields

**Meet:** 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Brickell area

**Contact:**

Dorothee Rubin, Chair  
IWIN  
c/o Diverse Realty Services  
999 Brickell Avenue, Suite 700  
Miami, FL 33131  
(305) 372-1991  
(305) 372-1992 (Fax)  
Email: dorothee@drsre.com

## Junior League of Miami, Inc.

**Purpose:** To promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women and improve communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers; educational and charitable purpose

**Membership Criteria:** Specific dues, meeting and volunteer requirements

**Dues:** \$185 yearly for active members

**Number of Members:** approximately 1,000

**Contact:**

Michelle Ramirez Patricios, President  
Junior League of Miami  
713 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
(305) 443-0160  
(305) 443-3849 (Fax)  
Email: jrlmiami@bellsouth.net  
michelle\_ramirez@bellsouth.net  
Website: www.jlmiami.org

## League of Women Voters of Miami-Dade County

**Purpose:** To promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues

**Membership Criteria:** Payment of dues

**Dues:** \$65

**Number of Members:** 106

**Meet:** Board meetings held monthly; membership meetings/forums 3-4 times per year

**Next Election of Officers:** June 2009

**Contact:**

Annie Betancourt, President	Terry Coble, V. Pres.
League of Women Voters	League of Women Voters
of Miami-Dade County	of Miami-Dade County
5783 Bird Road, # 146	5783 Bird Road, # 146
Miami, FL 33155	Miami, FL 33155
(305) 666-0186	(305) 666-0186
Email: abribit@yahoo.com	Email: terryarose@bellsouth.net
Website: www.lwvmiamidade.org	

## **The Links, Inc. Dade County Chapter**

**Purpose:** To provide meaningful service to persons, organizations, associations who have a clear defined need for support

**Membership Criteria:** Accomplished civic and service-oriented African-American women who live in Miami-Dade County; by invitation and application

**Dues:** Varies

**Number of Members:** 50

**Meet:** 3rd Sunday of each month, except June, July and August

### **Contact:**

Davrye Gibson Smith, President  
The Links, Dade County Chapter  
17000 NW 18 Avenue  
Miami, FL 33056  
(305) 622-3052 (H)  
(786) 325-1968 (Cell)  
Email: DadeCountyLinks@aol.com  
Website: www.dadelinks.org

## **The Links, Inc. Greater Miami Chapter**

**Purpose:** A community service women's organization

**Membership Criteria:** By invitation only for any adult aged woman who desires to dedicate time and service to the community

**Number of Members:** 34

**Meet:** 2nd Saturday of each month at 11.00 a.m. at various locations

### **Contact:**

Angela R. Bellamy, President  
The Links  
Greater Miami Chapter  
(305) 607-9867  
Email: president@greatermiamilinks.org  
Website: www.greatermiamilinks.org  
www.greatermiamilinks.com

## **The Look for Success**

**Purpose:** To impact the lives of women and teens through its makeover programs no matter the barriers they face in South Florida, the Greater Detroit area and Los Angeles

### **Contact:**

Kimberly E. Goedde  
Executive Director  
The Look for Success  
468 NE 206 Lane, # 209  
North Miami Beach, FL 33179  
(305) 652-5122 (Phone & Fax)  
Email: thelookorg@aol.com  
Website: www.thelookforsuccess.org

## **The Lotus House**

**Purpose:** Transitional housing and resource center for homeless women and children. Lotus House provides free lodging and comprehensive support services to assist women in improving their lives and achieving self sufficiency

**Membership Criteria:** The Lotus House is operated by the board of directors of the Sundari Foundation

**Meet:** The Lotus House is located at 217 NW 15th Street, in Overtown, Miami

### **Contact**

Constance Collins, Pres.	Rossana Wallenburg
The Sundari Foundation	The Lotus House
445 Grand Bay Drive	217 NW 15th Street
Penthouse 1B	Miami, FL 33136
Key Biscayne, FL 33149	(305) 438-0556
(305) 613-1573	Email: Director@
(305) 365-3887 (F)	lotushouseshelter.org
Email: president@	Website: www.
lotushouseshelter.org	lotushouseshelter.org
Website: www.lotushouseshelter.org	



## **Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (MAACW) of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)**

**Purpose:** To unite all Catholic women's organizations in purpose, direction, and action in religious, educational, social and economic fields; to stimulate these organizations to greater efficiency and usefulness in meeting the needs of the times, and to give full support to the statements and programs of the U.S. Bishops Conference and to assist them in these efforts

**Membership Criteria:** Women belonging to Catholic organizations enjoying Episcopal approval shall be eligible for membership

**Dues:** \$1.50 per person to MACCW, additional dues to NCCW

**Number of Members:** 40 affiliations with approximately 1500 members

**Meet:** Varies in time and locations per each church affiliation; annual convention in May

**Next Election of officers:** May 2010

### **Contact:**

Theresa Spirito, President  
MACCW  
2585 Carambola Circle North  
Coconut Creek, FL 33066  
(954) 917-0557  
(954) 969-9573 (Fax)  
Email: TmsMACCW1941@aol.com  
Website: www.maccw.org

## **Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Council**

**Purpose:** To empower businesswomen as a group to form strategic alliances, to cultivate community leaders and develop visibility as a group by taking active roles on significant issues that affect business and community

**Membership Criteria:** Chamber membership, attendance at Committee meetings and project participation

**Dues:** Chamber Dues

**Number of Members:** 34

**Meet:** 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Boardroom

### **Contact:**

Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce  
Women's Business Council  
1920 Meridian Avenue  
Miami Beach, FL 33139  
(305) 695-6832  
Email: comm@miamibeachchamber.com  
Website: www.miamibeachchamber.com

## **Miami Clinic Access Project (MCAP)**

**Purpose:** To use direct action to insure that women have safe access to abortion clinics without intimidation, shame, or harassment from anti-abortion activists

**Membership Criteria:** Open to all women/men activists committed to reproductive rights and protecting access to abortion clinics

### **Contact:**

Julia Dawson  
MCAP  
(305) 215-5255  
Email: Juliamiami2@gmail.com  
Website: www.myspace.com/miamicap



## Miami-Dade County Commission for Women (MDCCFW)

**Purpose:** To serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners on issues pertaining to women and to advocate for the needs and concerns of women

**Membership Criteria:** Must be a U.S. citizen, resident of Miami-Dade County, and appointed by a County Commissioner

**Number of Members:** 26

**Meet:** 4th Wednesday of the month except August and December, at 5:30 p.m. at the Stephen P. Clark Center, 6th Floor Conference Room

**Next Election of Officers:** April 2009

**Contact:**

Laura Morilla, Exec. Dir. MDCCFW 111 NW 1st St., Suite 660 Miami, FL 33128 (305) 375-4967 (W) (305) 375-5715 (Fax) Email: morilla@miamidade.gov Website: www.miamidade.gov/cfw	Carmen Elias-Levenson, Chair MDCCFW 5979 NW 151 Street, Suite 221 Miami Lakes, FL 33014 (305) 817-3668 Email: carmencpa@bellsouth.net
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## Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board

**Purpose:** To make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on domestic violence issues and also on the expenditure of the Local Option Food and Beverage Tax for the construction and operation of domestic violence centers

**Membership Criteria:** Must be appointed by a County Commissioner or the County Manager

**Number of Members:** 15

**Meet:** Last Thursday of the month except August from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Stephen P. Clark Center, 18th Floor Conference Room

**Contact:**

Vaughn Tooley Executive Director Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board 111 NW 1st Street Suite 620 Miami, FL 33128 (305) 375-2861 Email: y1116@miamidade.gov	Sarah Lenett Administrative Staff Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board 111 NW 1st Street Suite 620 Miami, FL 33128 (305) 375-4479 Email: SL2032@miamidade.gov
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## Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Council

**Purpose:** To address issues in the workplace that affect women of color; to work to strengthen the ties that exist between women while maintaining a business focus

**Contact:**

Rhonda Smith, Chair  
Women's Business Council  
Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce  
11380 NW 27 Avenue  
Building 1, Suite 1328  
Miami, FL 33167  
(305) 751-8648  
Email: mdcc@m-dcc.org  
Website: www.m-dcc.org

## Miami Women's Soccer Miami Premier Soccer Club, Inc

**Purpose:** To extend athletic opportunities for health and fitness

**Dues:** \$60.00

**Number of Members:** 500

**Meet:** Sunday evenings at Palmer Park, 6100 SW 67 Avenue and Evelyn Greer Park at SW 124 Street and South Dixie Highway

**Contact:**

Silvia Caviglia, President  
Miami Premier Soccer Club  
3034 Day Avenue  
Miami, FL 33133  
Email: Silvia\_caviglia@hotmail.com

## Miami Springs Woman's Club

**Purpose:** Community involvement for a better and more beautiful city; charity

**Dues:** \$35.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 60

**Contact:**

Nikki Jester, President  
Miami Springs Woman's Club  
829 Lake Drive  
Miami Springs, FL 33166  
(305) 888-8133  
Email: nikkinlaw@bellsouth.net

## Miami Woman's Club

**Purpose:** Community service and preservation of historic clubhouse

**Membership Criteria:** Women interested in community service

**Dues:** \$30 - \$40 per year

**Number of Members:** 220

**Meet:** 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12 noon at the Miami Woman's Club, 1737 N. Bayshore Drive, Miami, (305) 374-5671

**Next Election of Officers:** 2010

**Contact:**

Noreen Timoney, Pres. Miami Woman's Club 1717 North Bayshore Drive, Apt. 3436 Miami, FL 33132 (305) 374-5671 Email: timoneyrms@aol.com	Linda Joseph, 1st V.P. Miami Woman's Club 1737 N. Bayshore Drive Miami, FL 33132 (305) 374-5671 E-mail: lincraft@bellsouth.net
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## Miami Workers Center

**Purpose:** Non-profit organization working in the Liberty City area to develop community-led organizations and train grassroots leadership in low-income neighborhoods; work directly with women who are current and former welfare recipients, low-wage workers, and public housing residents to increase the voice, participation and credibility of grassroots perspectives

**Contact:**

Gihan Perera, Director Miami Workers Center 6127 NW 7th Ave. Miami, FL 33127 (305) 759-8717, Ext. 1008 (305) 759-8718 (Fax) Email: info@theworkers center.org Website: www.miami workerscenter.org	Sushma Sheth Communications Director Miami Workers Center 6127 NW 7th Avenue Miami, FL 33127 (305) 759-8717, Ext 1004 (305) 759-8718 (Fax) Email: info@theworkers center.org Website: www.miami workerscenter.org
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## Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

**Purpose:** To stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime, and to prevent underage drinking

**Membership Criteria:** Interest in fulfilling the organization's mission

**Number of Members:** 5,000

**Meet:** Monthly at 7700 N. Kendall Drive

**Contact:**

Janet Mondschein, Exec. Dir.  
MADD  
7700 N. Kendall Drive, Suite 803  
Miami, FL 33156  
(305) 273-3744  
(305) 273-3745  
Email: maddmiami@bellsouth.net  
Website: www.madd.org

## Mothers & Women Against Repression/ Madres Y Mujeres Anti-Represion (M.A.R. por Cuba)

**Purpose:** To advocate for human rights and the promotion of democratic values in Cuba, to promote solidarity for the internal pro-democracy opposition movement in Cuba and to advocate for the right of the Cuban people to live in freedom

**Dues:** Annual dues of \$150.00 for Board of Directors; no dues for general members

**Number of Members:** 300 in Miami and Puerto Rico

**Contact:**

Sylvia Iriondo, President  
M.A.R. Por Cuba  
2250 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 302  
Miami FL 33129-2065  
Email: marporcuba@aol.com

## Mothers' Voices

**Purpose:** To promote family communication and public awareness about sexual health and HIV/AIDS/STD prevention through education and advocacy

**Membership Criteria:** Open to anyone who wants to volunteer and make a donation

**Contact:**

Lori Markowitz Gerson, Director  
Mothers' Voices  
150 W. Flagler Street, # 1820  
Miami, FL 33130  
(305) 347-5467  
Email:voicessf@bellsouth.net  
Website:www.mothersvoices.org

## M.U.J.E.R., Inc. (Mujeres Unidas En Justicia, Educación y Reforma, Inc.)

**Purpose:** To provide comprehensive services to families and children impacted by family violence. MUJER operates a one-stop center for victims of domestic and sexual violence at 28905 South Dixie Highway in Homestead

**Next Election of Officers:** Spring 2009

**Contact:**

Susan J. Rubio Rivera  
Executive Director  
MUJER, INC.  
28905 S. Dixie Hwy.  
Homestead, FL 33030  
(305) 247-1388 (W)  
(305) 247-1362 (Fax)  
Email: susan@mujerfla.org  
Website:www.mujerfla.org

Maria Baeza  
President  
MUJER, INC.  
P. O. Box 900685  
Homestead, FL 33090  
(305) 247-1388  
(305) 247-1362 (Fax)  
Email: marialulybaeza@bellsouth.net

## Na'amat USA South Florida Council

**Purpose:** To encourage the participation of American Jewish women in local and national communal activities and to alert members to their civic responsibilities

**Membership Criteria:** Any woman 18 years or older

**Dues:** \$36.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 1,500

**Meet:** 2nd Thursday of every month

**Next Election of Officers:** June 2009

**Contact:**

Raquel Rub, President  
South Florida Council  
NA'AMAT USA  
(305) 538-6213

Harriet Green  
Vice-President  
NA'AMAT USA  
960 Arthur Godfrey Road,  
Suite 406  
Miami Beach, FL 33140  
(305) 538-6213  
(305) 538-4108 (Fax)

## National Association of Black Women in Construction

**Purpose:** To connect Black women in the construction industry

**Membership Criteria:** Be employed in any area of the construction industry

**Number of Members:** 13

**Meet:** 1st Thursday of each month at 6600 NW 27 Ave., Miami, FL 33147

**Contact:**

Ann McNeill, President  
Nat'l. Assoc. of Black  
Women in Construction  
6600 NW 27 Avenue, Suite 208  
Miami, FL 33147  
(305) 693-6329 (W)  
(305) 693-4544 (Fax)  
Email: blackwomeninconstruction@yahoo.com

## National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. — The South Florida Club

**Purpose:** To promote the interests of business and professional women ; community service; foster good fellowship

**Dues:** \$160.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 20

**Meet:** Third Tuesday of each month, 5:30 p.m. at Carrie Meek Senior Citizen and Cultural Center, 1300 NW 50 Street

### Contact:

Alice Sidney, President  
Nat'l Assoc. of Negro  
Business and Prof. Women  
3725 NW 11 Avenue  
Miami, FL 33127  
(305) 634-2371

Kathleen Thurston, 1st V.P.  
National Assoc of Negro  
Business and Prof. Women  
155 NE 158 Street  
Miami, FL 33162  
(305) 948-5303

## National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. — Miami-Dade Club

**Purpose:** To support and promote African American business and professional women and improve the quality of life for all in Miami-Dade County

**Membership Criteria:** College degree, professional license, certificate or own a business

**Dues:** \$164 yearly

**Number of Members:** 23

**Meet:** Last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Jackson South Community Hospital

### Contact:

Jo Ann Byrd, President  
NANBPWC, Inc.  
Miami-Dade Club  
8260 SW 185 Terrace  
Miami, FL 33157  
(305) 235-5948  
(305) 253-9938 (Fax)  
E-mail:joann0082@bellsouth.net  
Website: www.nanbpwc.org

Earnestine Thompson, 1st V.P.  
NANBPWC, Inc.  
Miami-Dade Club  
P. O. Box 560374  
Miami, FL 33256-0374  
(786) 668-8329  
Email: mikkit@baptisthealth.com

## National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC)

**Purpose:** To enhance the careers of women in construction

**Dues:** \$205 yearly

**Number of Members:** 35

**Meet:** Every 3rd Wednesday of the month

### Contact:

Rhonda Wimberly, Pres.  
NAWIC  
c/o Turner Construction Co.  
1399 SW 1st Avenue  
Miami, FL 33130  
(786) 621-9004  
Email: rwimberly@tcco.com  
Website: www.nawic.org

Candice Harris, Vice Pres.  
NAWIC  
(786) 621-9125  
  
Marilyn Mills, Treasurer  
NAWIC  
(305) 592-7888

## National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Greater Miami Chapter

**Purpose:** To propel women business owners into spheres of influence economically, politically and socially

**Membership Criteria:** Must own 51% or more of a company or be a partner in a professional firm or business

**Dues:** \$250 per year

**Number of Members:** 45

**Meet:** 3rd Tuesday of the month varies lunch/dinner; 1st Friday of the month breakfast at Barnes & Noble on Miracle Mile

**Next Election of Officers:** June 2009

### Contact:

Anne B. Freedman, President  
NAWBO  
(305) 273- 6640  
Email: anne@  
speakoutinc.com  
info@nawbomiami.org  
Website: www.nawbomiami.org

Gladys Mezrani, Vice Pres.  
NAWBO  
(305) 931-2370  
Email: gmezrani@  
indigoevents.net  
info@nawbomiami.org  
Website: www.nawbomiami.org

## National Black Nurses Association, Inc. — Miami Chapter

**Purpose:** To monitor and address issues relevant to health and welfare in minority communities and the community at large; community education; advancement within the profession; recruitment and retention of students in nursing schools

**Membership Criteria:** Registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and student nurses

**Contact:**

Annie Neasman, President  
Nat'l Black Nurses Association  
Miami Chapter  
P. O. Box 510083  
Miami, FL 33151  
(305) 754-2280

## National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. — Greater Miami Chapter

**Purpose:** To advocate on behalf of women of color through leadership, networking, political action, health awareness, meeting and scholarships

**Membership Criteria:** By application and invitation; demonstrated commitment to community service

**Dues:** Various levels

**Number of Members:** 25

**Meet:** 2nd Sunday of each month

**Next Election of Officers:** June 2010

**Contact:**

Michele Paramore, President National Coalition of 100 Black Women Greater Miami Chapter P. O. Box 174027 Miami, FL 33017 (305) 338-2321 Email: President@ncbw 100miami.org	Sheryl Watts, Vice-Pres. National Coalition of 100 Black Women Greater Miami Chapter P. O. Box 174027 Miami, FL 33017 (954) 612-6130 Email: VPmembership@ ncbw100miami.org
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## National Conference Of Puerto Rican Women (NACOPRW) — Miami Chapter

**Purpose:** To promote the equal participation of Puerto Rican and other Hispanic women in educational, social, economic and political life

**Membership Criteria:** Active members must be Puerto Rican women or of Puerto Rican descent

**Dues:** \$30 yearly for active and associate member

**Number of Members:** 105

**Meet:** Varies; several events throughout the year

**Contact:**

Norah Venegas  
NACOPRW  
(305) 651-9544 or  
(954) 473-1308  
Email: norahvenegas@aol.com

## National Council of Jewish Women Greater Miami Section, Inc.

**Purpose:** To strive for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms

**Membership Criteria:** A desire to effect social justice

**Dues:** \$40.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 1000

**Meet:** Monthly board meetings and events throughout the year

**Next Election of Officers:** Spring 2009

**Contact:**

Sharon Yudewitz, Administrator NCJW 4144 Chase Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33140 (305) 538-4744 (305) 538-5189 (Fax) Email: ncjwgms@aol.com Website: www.ncjwgms.org	Alissa Pardo Stein, Pres. NCJW 4144 Chase Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33140 (305) 538-4744 (305) 538-5189 (Fax) Email: ncjwgms@aol.com Website: www.ncjwgms.org
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## National Council of Jewish Women — Kendall Section

**Purpose:** To support progressive stances on issues such as child welfare, education, women's rights and reproductive choice through advocacy and programming benefiting women, children, and families

**Membership Criteria:** Open to anyone who pays dues and supports the club's objectives

**Dues:** \$50.00 yearly/ \$350.00 life membership which carries over to any NCJW section in the U.S.

**Meet:** Meetings and events vary

**Contact:**

Carole Bernstein, V. Pres. Kathy Reibman, Administrator  
Membership NCJW-Kendall Section  
NCJW-Kendall Section 7777 SW 86 Street, #112  
7995 SW 155 Street Miami, FL 33143  
Palmetto Bay, FL 33156 (305) 270-0590  
(305) 254-1646 (H) E-mail:Kendallncjw@aol.com  
Email: carole18@bellsouth.net

## National Council of Negro Women Metropolitan Dade County Section

**Purpose:** Founded in 1935 by Mary McLeod Bethune; to serve as a clearinghouse for activities for women, to open doors for young women and improve the quality of life for African-American women, girls, their families, and the community

**Dues:** \$55.00 per year

**Number of Members:** 100

**Meet:** 4th Saturday of the month except July and August

**Contact:**

National Council of Negro Women  
Metro Dade County Section  
P. O. Box 530425  
Miami Shores, FL 33153  
(305) 693-6369  
Email: 617dhue@bellsouth.net

## NOW (National Organization For Women) North Miami Chapter

**Purpose:** To advance the unfinished revolution of women toward true equality by confronting, with concrete action, the conditions that prevent women from enjoying the equality of opportunity and freedom of choice which is their right

**Membership Criteria:** Open to all feminist women/men who support NOW's mission

**Dues:** \$35.00 regular yearly dues

**Meet:** Call for meeting date/time/location

**Contact:**

Julia Dawson  
Membership Chair  
North Miami NOW  
(305) 215-5255  
Email: Juliamiami2@gmail.com

## National Women's Political Caucus of Miami-Dade County

**Purpose:** To increase the representation of women in the political process; to increase the number of progressive women in elected and appointed positions; to win equality for women; and to support candidates who support the organization's goals

**Dues:** \$65.00 yearly (includes local/state/nat'l organization)

**Number of Members:** 80

**Meet:** Monthly board meetings; general membership meetings held quarterly at various locations

**Contact:**

Kit Rafferty, Chair	JoAnn Bova, V. P.
NWPC/Miami-Dade	For Membership
County Chapter	NWPC/Miami-Dade County
150 SE 25th Road, Apt. 2J	(305) 233-3707
Miami, FL 33129	Email: joboval@yahoo.com
(305) 860-0412	
Email: kitexfa@yahoo.com	

## **The Ninety-Nines, Inc. — Florida Goldcoast 99s Chapter**

**Purpose:** First and only international organization of licensed women pilots founded in 1929 by Amelia Earhart and other early women pilots; to promote world fellowship through flight; to preserve the unique history of women in aviation

**Dues:** \$75 yearly

**Number of Members:** Over 5,000 licensed women pilots from 36 countries

**Contact:**

Pat Blasi, Chair  
Florida Goldcoast 99s Chapter  
Email: goldcoastapprais@aol.com  
Website: www.flgoldcoast99s.org  
www.ninety-nines.org

## **Nine To Five (9-5) National Association of Working Women, South Florida**

**Purpose:** To assist victims of domestic violence and workplace discrimination

**Dues:** \$20.00 per year

**Next Election of Officers:** Officers are elected by the national office

**Contact:**

Katherine E. Gomez, Florida Representative  
9-5 Nat'l. Assoc. of Working Women  
1335 SW 92nd Court  
Miami, FL 33174  
(305) 551-4405 (H)  
(800) 522-0925 (Job Survival Hotline)

## **Northeast Miami Woman's Club**

**Purpose:** Community service through the Federation clubs

**Membership Criteria:** Interest in the club's programs and projects

**Dues:** \$30 per year

**Number of Members:** 37

**Meet:** Third Tuesday of each month from September to May from 11 a.m. to 2 p. m. at Soyka's restaurant NE 55th Street and 4th Court, in the Garden Room

**Next Election of Officers:** May 19, 2009

**Contact:**

Eileen Cubillas, President  
Northeast Miami Woman's Club  
155 NW 123 Street  
North Miami, FL 33168  
Email: emcubillas@bellsouth.net

## **Nubian Sistahood**

**Purpose:** Fellowship, empowerment, health and wellness, and personal enrichment of women

**Meet:** Varies depending on activity

**Contact:**

Shamele Jenkins  
Nubian Sistahood  
1271 NW 172 Street  
Miami Gardens, FL 33169  
(305) 469-1157  
Email: shamele.jenkins@klgates.com



## Partners for Self-Employment, Inc. — Micro-BusinessUSA

**Purpose:** Non-profit community development financial institution that provides microenterprise loans, training, technical assistance and ongoing support to low and moderate income individuals to start or expand a business

**Membership Criteria:** Anyone who wants to start or expand a business or save to purchase a home

**Meet:** Various programs in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties

### Contact:

Partners for Self Employment/Micro-BusinessUSA  
3000 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 102 A  
Miami, FL 33137  
1-877-722-4505, (305) 438-1407  
(305) 438-1411 (Fax)  
Website: [www.microbusinessusa.org](http://www.microbusinessusa.org)

## Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. — Alpha Delta Chapter

**Purpose:** To promote the highest ideals of the teaching profession; to stimulate the professional growth among teachers; to encourage the development of the potential of our youth

**Dues:** \$190

**Number of Members:** 29

**Meet:** 4th Saturday of the month at 2 p.m. at the Piccadilly meeting room in Hialeah

**Next Election of Officers:** 2010

### Contact:

Regina Bruton,  
President  
Phi Delta Kappa  
Alpha Delta Chapter  
11298 NW 21 Court  
Miami, FL 33167  
(305) 688-4918  
(305) 687-0841 (Fax)  
Email: [reginapdk@bellsouth.net](mailto:reginapdk@bellsouth.net)

Anna Wyche,  
1st Vice President  
Phi Delta Kappa  
Alpha Delta Chapter  
1295 NW 67th Street  
Miami, FL 33147  
(305) 691-3444  
Email: [aawy62@hotmail.com](mailto:aawy62@hotmail.com)

## Planned Parenthood of South Florida and The Treasure Coast, Inc.

**Purpose:** To provide comprehensive sexual healthcare through the provision of clinical services, education and advocacy, while respecting the privacy rights, dignity and culture of each individual

**Dues:** Voluntary donations

**Meet:** Several health centers located across South Florida; call for more information; Miami Health Center located at 3119A SW 22nd Street (Coral Way), Miami, FL 33145; (305) 285-5535. Also, monthly public affairs meetings open to the public; contact: [public\\_affairs@ppsoflo.org](mailto:public_affairs@ppsoflo.org)

### Contact:

Lillian Tamayo, CEO/ President  
Planned Parenthood of South Florida  
and the Treasure Coast, Inc.  
5775 Blue Lagoon Drive  
Miami, FL 33126  
(786) 594-4777 (Administration)  
1-800-230 PLAN (Medical)  
(561) 848-6402 (main Palm Beach Office)  
Email: [public\\_affairs@ppsoflo.org](mailto:public_affairs@ppsoflo.org)  
Website: [www.ppsoflo.org](http://www.ppsoflo.org)

## Pumps, Pearls and Portfolios, Inc.

**Purpose:** To provide outreach services and help those in need in the community (needy families, homeless, domestic violence victims, substance abuse and mental health clients) in an effort to get them on their feet for sustainable employment

**Membership Criteria:** A desire to work with those in need in the community

**Number of Members:** 10

**Meet:** 4 times yearly and on-call

### Contact:

Sharon Kendrick-Johnson, CEO/Founder  
Pumps, Pearls and Portfolios  
P. O. Box 557412  
Miami, FL 33255  
(305) 772-7001 (Cell)  
(305) 661-2052 (Fax)  
Email: [sjohnson3@usa.net](mailto:sjohnson3@usa.net)

## Red Feminista Cubana (REDFEM)/ Cuban Feminist Network

**Purpose:** To provide educational, gender and other assistance, including humanitarian, to women in Cuba

**Dues:** \$50.00

**Meet:** Board meets 4 times per year

**Contact:**

Ileana Fuentes, President  
Red Feminista Cubana  
8500 SW 8 Street, Suite 266  
Miami, FL 33144  
(305) 662-5969  
Email: redfemcuba@aol.com

## Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center

**Purpose:** To provide medical care and counseling for victims of sexual crimes

**Contact:**

Cynthia Sinclair  
Administrative Director  
Roxcy Bolton Rape  
Treatment Center  
Jackson Memorial Hospital  
1611 NW 12th Avenue  
Institute Annex, Room 150  
Miami, FL 33136-1096  
(305) 585-5185  
(305) 585-7273  
(24-Hour hotline)  
Email: csinclair@  
jhsmiami.org.

Orietta Guzman  
Operations Coordinator  
Roxcy Bolton Rape  
Treatment Center  
Jackson Memorial Hosp.  
1611 NW 12th Avenue  
Institute Annex, Room 150  
Miami, FL 33136-1096  
(305) 585-5185  
(305) 585-7273  
(24-Hour hotline)  
(305) 585-7560 (Fax)  
Email: oguzman@jhsmiami.org

## Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center Advisory Board

**Purpose:** To oversee and assist the Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center (RTC) to ensure that the needs of patients and of the community are met

**Membership Criteria:** Miami-Dade County resident 18 years old or older, and must be sensitive toward sexual assault issues

**Number of Members:** 9

**Meet:** Every two months on the first Friday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Rape Treatment Center

**Contact:**

Elizabeth Katzen, Esq., Chairperson  
Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center  
Advisory Board  
c/o Katzen & Katzen, P.A.  
7700 North Kendall Drive, Suite 610  
Miami, FL 33156  
(305) 596-2000 (W)  
Email: ekatzen@bellsouth.net

## Save A Life Campaign

**Purpose:** Domestic violence victim advocacy, services, information and referral; cell phone collections; Special events and professional training

**Contact:**

Pamela Stack, Director  
Save A Life Campaign  
11760 SW 102 Street  
Miami, FL 33186  
(305) 490-2279  
Email: pamela@savealifecampaign.org

## Sister Love, Inc.

**Purpose:** To strengthen today's young women for a greater future by promoting self-awareness, building self-confidence and providing educational programs

**Membership Criteria:** Must be a young woman between the ages of 12-18

**Number of Members:** 15

**Next Election of Officers:** December 2008

### Contact:

Jessica Joseph, Chair  
Sister Love, Inc.  
P. O. Box 641210  
Miami, FL 33164  
(305) 984-9677  
Email: jessicad@sisterloveinc.org  
Website: www.sisterloveinc.org

John Joseph, Vice-Chair  
Sister Love, Inc.  
P. O. Box 641210  
Miami, FL 33164  
(305) 610-2326  
Email: info@sisterloveinc.org  
Website: www.sisterloveinc.org

## South Florida Bowser Women for Southwestern Christian College

**Purpose:** To help keep Southwestern Christian College open

**Membership Criteria:** Interest in helping Southwestern Christian College by raising money making donations, etc.

**Dues:** Donations are accepted

**Number of Members:** 30 in South Florida, more nationally

**Meet:** 1st Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.; location varies

### Contact:

Anna Wyche  
South Florida Bowser Women for Southwestern Christian College  
1295 NW 67 Street  
Miami, FL 33147  
(305) 691-3444  
(305) 502-3444

Dorothy Bolden, Treasurer  
South Florida Bowser Women for Southwestern Christian College  
3151 NW 94 Street  
Miami, FL 33147  
(305) 696-2693

## Soroptimist International of Coral Gables

**Purpose:** International service organization for women and girls

**Membership Criteria:** Professional women

**Dues:** \$95 yearly

**Number of Members:** 22

**Meet:** 3rd Wednesdays of the month at various locations

### Contact:

Margaret McCaffery, Pres.  
Soroptimist Int'l of Coral Gables  
1420 Brickell Bay Drive #206  
Miami, FL 33131  
(305) 789-0043  
Email: mmccaffery@mac.com

Carla Loyd, 1st Vice Pres  
Soroptimist Int'l of Coral Gables  
17210 SW 79 Court  
Miami, FL 33157  
(305) 235-7096  
Email: CarlaLoyd@aol.com

## The Sports Society

**Purpose:** To promote opportunities for women and girls in sports

**Membership Criteria:** Open to all who want to promote opportunities for women and girls in sports and level the playing field

**Dues:** Amounts vary depending on category

**Number of Members:** 250

### Contact:

Dr. Marjorie P. Wessel  
President  
The Sports Society  
16001 East Troon Circle  
Miami Lakes, FL 33014  
(305) 828-6419 (Phone & Fax)

Linda Harvey, Vice Pres.  
The Sports Society  
c/o Don Shula's Hotel & Golf Club  
6842 Main Street  
Miami Lakes, FL 33014  
(305) 820-8093

## Suited for Success, Inc.

**Purpose:** To provide training programs for women, men, and youth; provide employment skills, professional image, communications and business etiquette, and clothing for work; Suited for Success is the Miami affiliate of Dress for Success worldwide

**Contact:**

Sonia Jacobson, Exec. Director  
Suited for Success  
2650 SW 27 Avenue, # 300A  
Miami, FL 33133  
(305) 444-1944 (W)  
Email: [sonia@suitedforsuccess.org](mailto:sonia@suitedforsuccess.org)  
[miami@dressforsuccess.org](mailto:miami@dressforsuccess.org)  
Website: [www.dressforsuccess.org/miami](http://www.dressforsuccess.org/miami)

## Sundari Foundation

**Purpose:** To operate the Lotus House shelter for homeless women located at 217 NW 15th Street in Miami (see information listed under Lotus House shelter)

**Contact:**

Constance Collins, President  
The Sundari Foundation  
445 Grand Bay Drive, PH1B  
Key Biscayne, FL 33149  
(305) 613-1573  
Email: [president@lotushouseshelter.org](mailto:president@lotushouseshelter.org)  
Website: [www.lotushouseshelter.org](http://www.lotushouseshelter.org)

## Temple Samu-El Or Olom Sisterhood

**Membership Criteria:** No requirements for 2 years, then membership in the Temple is required

**Dues:** \$30 yearly

**Number of Members:** 75

**Meet:** Monthly

**Contact:**

Martha K. Backer, President  
Temple Samu-EL Or Olom Sisterhood  
10502 SW 143 Court  
Miami, FL 33176  
(305) 271-5756  
Email: [meeyog@aol.com](mailto:meeyog@aol.com)

## Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Miami Chapter

**Purpose:** To advance the standards, ideas and general welfare of the community through service for the betterment of all people

**Membership Criteria:** Professional humanitarian women

**Dues:** \$185.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 52

**Meet:** 2nd Saturday of each month at 12 noon, except July and August, at NFL Y.E.T. Center, 7900 NW 22 Avenue, Miami

**Next Election of Officers:** May 2009

**Contact:**

Gereleen Evans, President	Sheila Geathers, 1st V.P.
Top Ladies of Distinction	Top Ladies of Distinction
Miami Chapter	Miami Chapter
3020 NW 152 Terrace	P. O. Box 694963
Miami Gardens, FL 33054	Miami, FL 33269-1963
(305) 687-2430	

## Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Sunshine State Chapter

**Purpose:** To sponsor the youth organization, "Top Teens"; to enhance the status of women, to improve the quality of life for senior citizens and to keep our communities beautiful

**Number of Members:** 16

**Meet:** 3rd Thursday of each month

**Contact:**

Ann Mitchell  
Top Ladies of Distinction  
Sunshine State Chapter  
3351 NW 182nd Street  
Miami, FL 33056  
(305) 624-8362

## The United Way of Miami-Dade Women's Leadership Initiative

**Purpose:** To foster the participation, commitment and growth of philanthropic-focused women in furthering the United Way mission of "Building Community by Helping People Care for One Another"

**Membership Criteria:** Women who give an annual gift of \$1000 or more to the United Way

**Number of Members:** 2300+

### Contact:

United Way of Miami-Dade  
Women's Leadership Initiative  
3250 SW 3rd Avenue  
Miami, FL 33129  
(305) 646-7017  
(305) 860-3109 (Fax)  
Email: [womensleadership@unitedwaymiami.org](mailto:womensleadership@unitedwaymiami.org)  
Website: [www.unitedwaymiami.org](http://www.unitedwaymiami.org)

## University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Institute for Women's Health

**Purpose:** To promote and improve the health of women across their life span through multi-disciplinary research, education, clinical service and community partnership

### Contact:

Thomas Hooton, M.D., Dir.	Patricia Stauffer
Univ. of Miami Miller School	Administrator
of Medicine	Univ. of Miami Miller
Institute for Women's Health	School of Medicine
1120 NW 14th Street, # 1144	Institute for Women's
Miami, FL 33136	Health
(305) 243-2576	1120 NW 14th St. # 1144
(305) 243-4033 (Fax)	Miami, FL 33136
Website: <a href="http://www.womenshealth.med.miami.edu">www.womenshealth.med.miami.edu</a>	(305) 243-2576
	(305) 243-4033 (Fax)
	Email: <a href="mailto:pstauffer@med.miami.edu">pstauffer@med.miami.edu</a>

## Urgent, Inc.

**Purpose:** To improve the physical, social, and economic health of urban residents and neighborhoods; to operate the Rites of Passage for Girls Youth Empowerment Academy with programs and services that help at-risk girls; to improve girls with the skills, knowledge and opportunities to transition successfully to adulthood

**Meet:** Varies depending on program and activity

### Contact:

Saliha Nelson, Vice President  
Urgent Inc.  
Culmer Service Center  
1600 NW 3rd Avenue, Bldg. D  
Miami, FL 33136  
(305) 576-3084 (W)  
(305) 573-2329 (Fax)  
Email: [Saliha@urgentinc.org](mailto:Saliha@urgentinc.org)  
[office@urgentinc.org](mailto:office@urgentinc.org)  
Website: [www.urgentinc.org](http://www.urgentinc.org)

## The Villagers

**Purpose:** To promote an appreciation of history through the acquisition, restoration and preservation of historic sites

**Membership Criteria:** Interest in historic preservation

**Dues:** \$90.00

**Number of Members:** 214

**Meet:** 3rd Friday of the month, September to May

**Next Election of Officers:** March 2009

### Contact:

Elizabeth Juerling, Pres.	Linda Collins Hertz, 1st V.P.
The Villagers	The Villagers
9395 SW 91 Street	1257 Ortega Avenue
Miami, FL 33176	Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305) 595-9466	(305) 446-0977
Email: <a href="mailto:Ejuerling@aol.com">Ejuerling@aol.com</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:Lhertz@bellsouth.net">Lhertz@bellsouth.net</a>

## Whispering Pines Woman's Club

**Purpose:** Benevolence, civic improvement, and public welfare

**Membership Criteria:** Be in good standing in the community, be sponsored by two members, and be accepted by a 2/3 vote of the members

**Dues:** \$35.00 per year

**Number of Members:** 18

**Meet:** Fourth Wednesday of every month, Sept.-May, at various locations

**Next Election of Officers:** March 2010

**Contact:**

Mrs. John Rahn, President Whispering Pines Woman's Club 8941 SW 186 Terrace Cutler Bay, FL 33157 (305) 235-6640	Mrs. Gilbert Welsh, V.P. Whispering Pines Woman's Club 18680 SW 89 Court Cutler Bay, FL 33157
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## Woman's Cancer Association of the University Of Miami

**Purpose:** To educate the public about cancer, to promote cancer control, to raise funds for cancer research and education, and to promote a program of cancer welfare; operates the "Bargain Box" thrift shop located at 1350 West Flagler Street, Miami

**Membership Criteria:** Open to any woman interested in the objectives of the organization

**Dues:** Donations welcomed

**Contact:**

Woman's Cancer Assoc.  
of the University of Miami  
1350 West Flagler Street  
Miami, FL 33135-2320  
(305) 643-2945  
Website: [www.wcaofum.org](http://www.wcaofum.org)

## Woman's Club Of Coconut Grove

**Purpose:** Community improvement and enrichment; preservation of historic clubhouse for community benefit

**Membership Criteria:** Women interested in community service, education, conservation, the arts, international affairs and civic improvement

**Dues:** \$30 - \$40 yearly

**Number of Members:** 100

**Meet:** 1st Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse, 2985 S. Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove, (305) 446-2909

**Next Election of Officers:** April 2010

**Contact:**

Nancy Boggio, President Woman's Club of Coconut Grove 2485 S. Bayshore Drive Miami, FL 33133 (305) 858-1647 Email: <a href="mailto:cleoceasar@yahoo.com">cleoceasar@yahoo.com</a>	Arlyn Phillips, 1st Vice Pres. Woman's Club of Coconut Grove 2420 Lincoln Avenue Miami, FL 33133 (305) 929-8563 Email: <a href="mailto:Jackphillips1@earthlink.net">Jackphillips1@earthlink.net</a>
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Website: [www.womansclubofcoconutgrove.com](http://www.womansclubofcoconutgrove.com)

## Woman's Club of Hialeah

**Purpose:** Charitable and educational purposes

**Membership Criteria:** Interest in our club objectives, attend meetings, and volunteer in club projects

**Dues:** \$30.00 yearly

**Number of Members:** 35

**Meet:** 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, Sept. through May

**Contact:**

Mary Wingett, President Woman's Club of Hialeah 6510 West 5th Place Hialeah, FL 33012 (305) 821-1371 (H) (305) 558-3928 (Cell)	Shirley Hudson, Director & Membership Chair Woman's Club of Hialeah (305) 822-5347
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## Woman's Club of Homestead

**Purpose:** Charitable and educational purposes

**Membership Criteria:** Any person who is interested in the objectives of the club

**Dues:** \$45.00 per year

**Number of Members:** 53

**Meet:** Third Tuesday of every month, September –June, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p. m. at Clubhouse, 17905 SW 292 Street, Homestead, FL 33030

**Next Election of Officers:** April 2009

**Contact:**

Evelyn Guilfoyle, President Woman's Club of Homestead 3075 SE 7th Place Homestead, FL 33033 (305) 230-1370 (H) (786) 205-2133 (Cell)	Ann McAllister, 2nd V.P. Woman's Club of Homestead 19411 SW 308 Street Homestead, FL 33030 (305) 247-7409 (H) (305) 281-7941 (Cell) (305) 247-9915 (Fax)
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## Women 2000

**Purpose:** To empower women

**Membership Criteria:** Private club, by invitation only

**Number of Members:** 13

**Meet:** One Sunday each month

**Contact:**

Dona Zemo, President  
Women 2000  
3101 Indian Creek Drive, # 104  
Miami Beach, FL 33140  
Email: dona\_zemo@hotmail.com

## Women Are Wonderful Foundation, Inc.

**Purpose:** To promote female leadership

**Contact:**

Dr. Ann Moliver Ruben, President  
Women Are Wonderful Foundation, Inc.  
1899 Sirius Lane  
Weston, FL 33327  
(561) 498-0676  
Email: annruben@bellsouth.net  
Website: www.womenarewonderful.com

## Women for Human Rights International, Inc.

**Purpose:** To develop public information and advocacy oriented projects that benefit women who are at a disadvantage, risk, or repression; to conduct women's empowerment initiatives

**Membership Criteria:** Embrace the principles and platform of the organization

**Meet:** Quarterly, plus periodic human rights education events

**Next Election of Officers:** May 2009

**Contact:**

Marivi Prado, President Women for Human Rights Int'l. 8701 SW 87 Court Miami, FL 33173 (305) 630-9860 Email: mariviprado @aol.com Website: www.wfhr.org	Women for Human Rights Int'l P. O. Box 430807 South Miami, FL 33173 Email: info@wfhr.org Website: www.wfhr.org
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## Women Executive Leadership (WEL)

**Purpose:** To increase the number of women on corporate boards by recognizing and connecting accomplished women and further expanding their influence within their respective business communities

**Meet:** Quarterly meetings focusing on corporate level executives and corporate board members of Fortune 1000 companies

**Contact:**

Cindy Kushner, President/Founder  
Women Executive Leadership  
450 East Las Olas Boulevard, Suite 750  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301  
(954) 462-4730  
Email: [Info@womenexecutiveleadership.com](mailto:Info@womenexecutiveleadership.com)  
[cindy@womenexecutiveleadership.com](mailto:cindy@womenexecutiveleadership.com)  
Website: [www.womenexecutiveleadership.com](http://www.womenexecutiveleadership.com)

## Women in Community Service (WICS)

**Purpose:** To reduce the number of women and youth living in poverty by promoting self reliance and economic independence through services such as employment training, personalized mentoring and case management

**Contact:**

Bernard Krogh, Transition Specialist  
Women In Community Service  
Homestead Job Corps Center  
12350 SW 285 Street  
Homestead, FL 33033  
(305) 258-7164  
Website: [www.wics.org](http://www.wics.org)

## Women in International Trade (WIT), Miami Chapter

**Purpose:** To enhance the status and interest of women and men in the field of international trade through the establishment of a worldwide network of international business contacts; to promote professional growth, education, and leadership among women employed worldwide in foreign trade and commerce in both the public and private sectors; to establish educational programs, conventions, and other activities to promote the employment worldwide of women in international trade

**Dues:** \$100.00 per year for individuals, other categories

**Meet:** Monthly networking events at different venues

**Contact:**

Deborah Sterm, President WIT Miami Chapter 12973 SW 112 Street, # 129 Miami, FL 33186 Website: <a href="http://www.wit-miami.com">www.wit-miami.com</a>	Pat McLeod, Administrator WIT Miami Chapter 12973 SW 112 Street, #129 Miami, FL 33186 (305) 971-2880 Email: <a href="mailto:info@wit-miami.com">info@wit-miami.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.wit-miami.com">www.wit-miami.com</a>
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## Women of Tomorrow Mentor and Scholarship Program

**Purpose:** Mentoring program to inspire, motivate and empower at-risk young women

**Membership Criteria:** Mentors are referred to the program by an existing mentor; mentors are highly accomplished professional women who volunteer to mentor at risk girls in public high schools

**Meet:** Monthly at the school locations and for special events

**Number of Members:** 200 mentors

**Contact:**

Jennifer Valoppi, President Women of Tomorrow Mentor & Scholarship Prog. 111 NE 1st Street Suite 912 Miami FL 33132 Website: <a href="http://www.womenof-tomorrow.org">www.womenof-tomorrow.org</a>	J. Bianca Erickson, Ex Dir. Women of Tomorrow Mentor & Scholarship Prog. 111 NE 1st Street, Suite 912 Miami, FL 33132 (305) 371-3330 (305) 371-3332 (Fax) Email: <a href="mailto:b.erickson@womenoftomorrow.org">b.erickson@womenoftomorrow.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.womenof-tomorrow.org">www.womenof-tomorrow.org</a>
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## Women Presidents' Organization

**Purpose:** To empower women entrepreneurs to increase their business and financial success as well as personal growth through peer mentoring and continuing education

**Membership Criteria:** Women who have an ownership interest in a business, hold the title of CEO or President or of partner in a law firm or accounting firm, and whose businesses annually gross at least \$2 million in revenues if product based or \$1 million if service based

**Dues:** \$1,500.00 chapter member; \$850 member at large

**Number of Members:** Limit 20 per chapter, one per industry

**Meet:** 2nd Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; in a boardroom setting provided by a local sponsor

**Contact:**

Rita Poyo, Facilitator  
Women Presidents' Organization  
Greater Miami Chapter  
(786) 553-0888 (Cell)  
(305) 654-0677 (H)  
Email: poyomia@msn.com  
Website: www.womenpresidentsorg.com

## The Women's Alliance

**Purpose:** A national organization of independent community-based members who provide professional attire, career skills training and related services to low-income women seeking employment; operates the "Chapter 2" upscale clothing store in the Dorsey House in Overtown to raise funds to help low-income women seeking employment

**Dues:** 3 levels of membership

**Number of Members:** 30

**Contact:**

Nichole Wild, Executive Director  
The Women's Alliance  
3745 NE 171 Street, Suite 62  
Miami, FL 33160  
(305) 762-6400  
(305) 756-9988 (Fax)  
Email: nicole@thewomensalliance.org  
nwild@bellsouth.net  
Website: www.thewomensalliance.org  
www.chapter2clothing.org

## Women's Association and Alliance Against Injustice and Violence and for Empowerment (W.A.A.I.V.E.), Inc.

**Purpose:** Advocacy and empowerment, education, engagement, report, referrals, seminars and workshops to assist poor mothers and families; runs the Mother Assisting Mother Advocacy Project for Reentry and Transition; junior board for young girls

**Membership Criteria:** Female victims and children and families; incarcerated mothers and girls

**Meet:** Varies per neighborhood and issues

**Contact:**

Renita Holmes	Pastor Felecia Wright
W.A.A.I.V.E.	W.A.A.I.V.E.
6118 NW 7th Ave., Suite 103	P. O. Box 661635
Miami, FL 33127	Miami Springs, FL 33266
(786) 260-2409	(305) 751-0873
E-mail: mysistahshand2hold@	
yahoo.com	
holmes_builders@yahoo.com	

## Women's Business Development Center/ Florida Affiliate of WBENC

**Purpose:** To help certified women-owned businesses access corporate and federal contracts; counseling/mentoring for women business owners; business development workshops

**Contact:**

Nancy Allen, President/CEO  
Women's Business Development Center  
11205 South Dixie Highway, Suite 101  
Pinecrest, FL 33156  
(305) 971-9473 or (305) 971-9446  
Email: nancyallen@womensbusiness.info  
info@womensbusiness.info  
Website: www.womensbusiness.info

## Women's Chamber of Commerce of Miami-Dade County

**Purpose:** To empower, inform and provide a network for Miami-Dade's professional businesswomen

**Membership Criteria:** Women business owners, women business executives, and mid-career professionals in private and public industries

**Dues:** Individual and trustee memberships

**Number of Members:** 200+

**Meet:** Monthly luncheons on the 3rd Wednesdays of every month and evening networking events bimonthly

**Next Election of Officers:** December 2008

### Contact:

Lisa McGill, Chair  
Women's Chamber of  
Commerce  
c/o Fifth Third Bank  
1560 Sawgrass Corporate  
Parkway, Suite 220  
Sunrise, FL 33323  
(305) 761-3919  
Email: Lisa.McGill@ 53.com  
mjsvcs@yahoo.com  
Website: www.womenschamberofcommerce.org

Louisa DaSilva, Administrator  
Women's Chamber of  
Commerce  
Plaza 51-225  
444 Brickell Avenue  
Miami, FL 33131  
(305) 446 - 6660  
(305) 675-8523 (Fax)  
Email: info@womenschamber  
ofcommerce.org

## Women's Committee of 100

**Purpose:** To present programs of vital concern to the community, and particularly to women

**Membership Criteria:** Be a business owner or a leader of a public or private organization

**Dues:** \$20 yearly

**Number of members:** 10

**Meet:** Quarterly meetings – TBA

### Contact:

Gloria Garcia, President  
Women's Committee of 100  
725 NW 32 Place  
Miami, FL 33125  
(305) 541-3691 (H)  
(305) 596-3020, ext. 220

Hilda Scoggins  
Women's Committee of 100  
(305) 757-4825  
  
Nelli Justi  
Women's Committee of 100  
(305) 448-3845

## Women's Council of Realtors Miami-Dade Chapter

**Purpose:** To enhance business through networking and relationship building; to provide timely education and training for the development of personal, professional, entrepreneurial and leadership skills

**Dues:** \$140 yearly for national, state and local dues

### Contact:

Dorothee Rubin, President  
W.C.R. Miami-Dade Chapter  
c/o Diverse Realty Services  
999 Brickell Avenue, Suite 700  
Miami, FL 33133  
(305) 372-1991  
Email: Dorothee@drsre.com  
Website: www.wcrmiamidadessouth.com

## Women's Emergency Network (WEN)

**Purpose:** To protect the reproductive health and freedom of South Florida's low-income population

**Membership Criteria:** Donations

**Dues:** Donations at supporter's discretion

**Number of Members:** 500 active donors

**Meet:** Open Board meetings held 1st Monday of the month at various locations; holiday party in December and festive event in Spring

**Next Election of Officers:** Feb. 2009

### Contact:

Carol Cohan, Exec. Director  
Women's Emergency  
Network  
1234 S. Dixie Highway  
# 312  
Coral Gables, FL 33146  
(305) 446-1910  
**(305) 446-4615 (Hotline)**  
(305) 529-8890 (Fax)  
Email: carol.cohan@gmail.com  
Website: www.wen-online.org

Lindsay Smith, Chair  
Women's Emergency  
Network  
1234 S. Dixie Highway  
# 312  
Coral Gables, FL 33146  
(305) 788-4102  
(305) 529-8890 (Fax)  
Email: lindsayls@bellsouth.net  
Website: www.wen-online.org

## Women's Health Resource Center/ Baptist Health South Florida

**Purpose:** To provide health resources, health talks, and support groups to the women in the community at various locations

**Meet:** Programs at various locations; for information visit [www.baptisthealth.net](http://www.baptisthealth.net) or call (786) 596-3812

**Contact:**

Women's Health Resource Center  
Baptist Medical Arts Building  
8950 North Kendall Drive, Suite 105  
Miami, FL 33176  
(786) 596-5981  
Website: [www.baptisthealth.net](http://www.baptisthealth.net)

## Women's Fund of Miami-Dade County

**Purpose:** To act as a catalyst for social change and economic justice with the goal of creating a community where all women and girls reach their full potential; the key elements to achieving this goal is the organization's grant making, advocacy, training, and community building

**Membership Criteria:** An interest in improving the lives of women and girls in Miami-Dade County

**Dues:** \$100.00

**Meet:** Special events throughout the year; members can participate on committees

**Contact:**

Claudia Kitchens, Ex.Dir. Women's Fund of Miami-Dade County 2650 SW 27 Avenue Suite 303 Miami, FL 33133 (305) 441-0506 (305) 441-0406 (Fax) Email: <a href="mailto:claudia@womensfundmiami.org">claudia@womensfundmiami.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@womensfundmiami.org">info@womensfundmiami.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.womensfundmiami.org">www.womensfundmiami.org</a>	Fran Katz, Assoc. Dir. Women's Fund of Miami-Dade County 2650 SW 27 Avenue Suite 303 Miami, FL 33133 (305) 441-0506 (305) 441-0406 (Fax) Email: <a href="mailto:fran@womensfundmiami.org">fran@womensfundmiami.org</a>
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## Women's International Film Festival

**Purpose:** To address women's issues through the presentation of cinematic and other art forms; to encourage the production, distribution and marketing of women's films, and to provide opportunities for artistic development, including workshops, student internships and other programs

**Dues:** \$25 to \$1,000, depending on category of membership

**Meet:** The film festival is held March-April every year

**Contact:**

Yvonne McCormack-Lyons, Exec. Dir./Founder  
Women's Int'l Film Festival  
3606 Grand Avenue  
Miami, FL 33133  
(305) 653-9700  
(954) 471-8589 (Cell)  
Email: [Yvonne@wiffonline.org](mailto:Yvonne@wiffonline.org)  
Website: [www.wiffonline.org](http://www.wiffonline.org)  
[www.womensfilmfest.com](http://www.womensfilmfest.com)

## Women's History Coalition of Miami-Dade County

**Purpose:** To sponsor special educational programs and events as well as coordinate and promote those of other community groups during Women's History Month; to preserve the history and contributions of outstanding women in the Miami-Dade community; the Herstory Committee has published the *Julia's Daughters* and *Beyond Julia's Daughters* books on women in Miami-Dade County's history and is working on an eventual third book; and it also holds a Valentine's Tea every year

**Membership Criteria:** Women who have a common interest in preserving the history and contributions of outstanding women in the Miami-Dade community

**Number of Members:** 110

**Dues:** \$30 for individuals

**Meet:** Monthly according to need; location varies

**Next Election of Officers:** May 2009

### Contact:

Betsy Kaplan, Pres.  
Women's History Coalition  
2 Grove Isle Blvd., # 1603  
Miami, FL 33133  
(305) 856-1113  
(786) 525-5379 (cell)  
E-mail: bakaplan60@aol.com

Women's History Coalition  
P. O. Box 565307  
Miami, FL 33256  
Website: <http://communitylink.gopbi.com/groups/womenshistory>  
E-mail: [bonniebanks@bellsouth.net](mailto:bonniebanks@bellsouth.net)

Mary Young, Chair  
Herstory Committee  
Women's History Coalition  
Email: [myoung1@us.ibm.com](mailto:myoung1@us.ibm.com)

## Working Solutions: The Displaced Homemaker Trust Fund Program of Miami-Dade County

**Purpose:** To provide training, community referrals and job search assistance to help displaced homemakers find employment

**Membership Criteria:** Displaced homemakers living in Miami-Dade County, 35 years of age or older

**Number of Members:** Serve more than 250 clients per year

**Meet:** Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m., to 4:30 p.m.

### Contact:

Linda Scharf, Program Manager  
Working Solutions Program  
Miami-Dade College, Wolfson Campus  
300 NE 2nd Avenue, Room 1552  
Miami, FL 33132  
(305) 237-7514 (W)  
(305) 237-7537 (General office phone)  
Email: [LScharf@mdc.edu](mailto:LScharf@mdc.edu)  
Website: [www.mdc.edu/wolfson/workingsolutions.htm](http://www.mdc.edu/wolfson/workingsolutions.htm)

## Women's Movement Now (WMN) — The Miami Metro Chapter of the Younger Women's Task Force

**Purpose:** To create and maintain a space for the engagement and activities of younger women; to create opportunities for younger women to network, learn and take action on important issues

**Membership Criteria:** Progressive young women who want to meet other like-minded women

**Number of Members:** 100+

**Meet:** Once a month on Saturdays between 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at member's houses; check website for more information

### Contact:

Sophie Brion  
Women's Movement Now  
(305) 720-7658  
Email: [Sophie.brion@gmail.com](mailto:Sophie.brion@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.ywtf.org/miami](http://www.ywtf.org/miami)

Mikele Aboitiz Earle  
Women's Movement Now  
(305) 968-7867  
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## YWCA of Greater Miami-Dade, Inc.

**Purpose:** To empower women and eliminate racism; to provide opportunities to all women, girls, and their families to enhance their personal growth, leadership, education, health and empowerment

**Dues:** Varies depending on level of membership; \$45 for individual membership

**Number of Members:** 1,300 at various membership levels

**Meet:** The board of directors meets six times per year; varying dates, times, and locations

**Next Election of Officers:** May 2009

### Contact:

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## Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Beta Tau Zeta Chapter

**Purpose:** Scholarship, finer womanhood, and community service

**Membership Criteria:** Graduate of 4 year college

**Meet:** 1st Saturday of every month, except July and August, at 10: 00 a.m., at the Zeta Community Center, 1743 NW 54th Street, Miami, FL 33127

**Next Election of Officers:** April 2010

### Contact:

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## Zonta Club of Miami Lakes

**Purpose:** To advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy

**Membership Criteria:** Active or retired professional women; by invitation

**Dues:** \$135 yearly

**Number of Members:** 30

**Meet:** 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.; locations vary

**Next Election of Officers:** May 2009

### Contact:

Jan Hammond, President Zonta Club of Miami Lakes 111 N. Pine Island Road Suite 203 Plantation, FL 33324 (954) 472-3434 Email: janethammond@ bellsouth.net	Elaine Greene, Vice President Zonta Club of Miami Lakes 15740 Turnberry Drive Miami Lakes, FL 33014 (305) 558-8288 Email: tgandeg@aol.com
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## Zonta Club of Doral

**Purpose:** To enhance the status of women worldwide and locally

**Membership Criteria:** Interest in service and advocacy for women and girls and experience in business or the professions; retirees with time for volunteering are welcome

**Dues:** \$125 per year

**Number of Members:** 20-30

**Next Election of Officers:** March 2009

### Contact:

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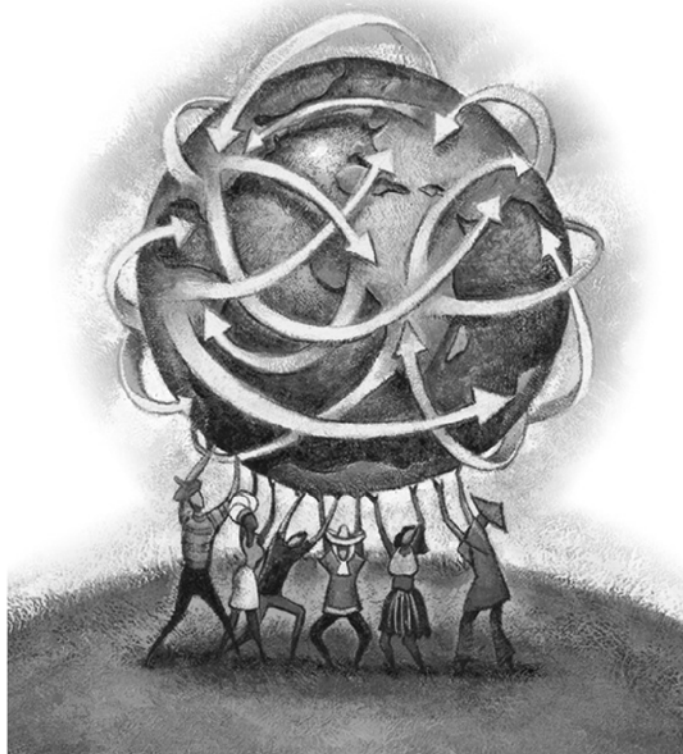
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